

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2015 AT
The Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
3101 Kingsbridge Terrace
Bronx, NY 10463**

Attendees

Lamont Parker
Cy Nesbit
Tricia Mullen
Derwin Greene
Sadie Mahoney
Lamont Jackson
Kathryn Polanco
Bartho

Affiliation

Youth Chair
Community Board No. 8
RNH After School Program Director
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
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Natural Training Fitness

The meeting was called to order at 1:05PM.

Old Business

The minutes of the January 28, 2015 meeting were not approved since we did not have a quorum.

Chair's Report

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center Special Needs Awards – Youth Chair briefly discussed proposed awards and dinner for 25 autistic/special needs youth in April. Youth Chair to coordinate with Lamont Jackson on award details and logistics.

New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Awards – Youth Chair requested that the Bronx CB #8 winners appear on BRONX NETs Kendra Crossover program scheduled for Thursday, February 28th. Muslima Adams has verbally agreed to appear on BRONX NET program.

CBALL Basketball – Youth Chair is working on hosting the CBALL event at Manhattan College on Saturday, May 2nd.

2015 Youth Poetry Slam – Event will take place LIVE on Wednesday, May 13th at BRONX NET studios from 6PM – 8PM. Erik Maldonado "Advocate of Words" will moderate. Five special guests will be selected to judge the Poetry Slam.

Discuss "Comeback kid award"

Youth Chair would like to invite last year's Comeback Kid Award winner to come back for this year's award presentation. Student turnover in KHCC has made it difficult to select a potential winner. KHCC has no one in mind as of yet.

Open discussion

Question was raised on how we can get the Middle School Kids to be more community oriented? Programs that may help unify all the youth in the community centers.

Youth Chair suggested reaching out to:

- The explorers Club (50th Pct.) and cadets (Clinton HS)
- Kennedy Campus students to mentor come in and mentor kids
- School Safety could come in to do some presentations
- KHCC middle school youth are working with artist on a mural for the steps. Work has not been completed by DOT (clean up) for the program to start?

Youth Chair introduced Bartho (professional power lifter/bodybuilder) to talk to the group. Bartho wants help from CB #8 to form a Federation to help youth in the community. Bartho wants to use bodybuilding to help teach kids about health and fitness.

New Business

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center – Derwin Green and Sadie Mahoney gave a brief update:

- Alumni Dinner – college students came back to talk to high school students
- Karaoke Night - Teen Event 50 - 60 kids
- Blue Mountain Trip
- Fathers Matters Week
- Service Day - 2nd Saturday in April with Horace Mann
- Neighborhood Festival

For further information please contact Derwin Greene at dgreene@khcc-nyc.org.

RNH After School Program – Tricia Mullen gave a brief update:

- Field Trips: Ice skating, movie (project Almanac), Wax Museum (scavenger hunt), and Liberty Science Center.
- Bronx Borough President and executives coming in March - forum for youth to ask questions about community service.
- Erik Maldonado will conduct a poetry and performance workshop (March)
- Partnership with Manhattan College Engineering program

For further information please contact Tricia Mullen at pmullen@riverdaleonline.org.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:19pm. The next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th, 2015, location to be determined.

Submitted by,

Lamont Parker, Chair
Youth Committee