

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on March 23, 2016 at
Community Board No. 8 Office
5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100

PRESENT: Lamont. Parker – Youth Committee Chairperson
Dan Padernacht - Community Board 8 Chair
Sylvia Alexander - Community Board 8 Education Comm. Chair
Ruby Lee Palma - Community Board 8 Member
Judith Green - Community Board 8 Education Member
Christina Migliaccio - Community Board 8 Intern
Diara N. Rosario - MMCC @ Fort Independence
Sadie Mahoney - Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Carolyn Harrison - Young Life
Tricia Mullen - Riverdale Neighborhood House
Nancy Nunez - Riverdale Neighborhood House

GUEST: Maribel Felipe

ABSENT: Amy Moore, Daniella Fuchs, Rita Pochter Lowe, Karen Green

Meeting was called to order at 1:15pm

The minutes from the February 24th meeting weren't approved because of no quorum.

Chairman's Report

Applications were sent out for the comeback kid award and we have received six nominees. These six will be awarded at the next Executive Board Meeting scheduled for April 12 at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at the St. Patrick's Home, 66 Van Courtland Park South.

Community Center Updates

MMCC at Fort Independence - Programs are doing well. The summer-camp program will have activities such as visiting the pools, arts and crafts. The center also offers Zumba & Kickboxing. Currently they have 20 spots available for middle schoolers in their after school programs.

Riverdale Neighborhood House- Soync program is going well with high participation which also includes, kids from Parochial schools. All of this is due to the team effort of the staff. The summer internship will be starting soon. This past Saturday there was a Karaoke night, which did get some kids involved but not as much as they wanted. Activities are developed by the teen workers and the teens participate in it. Events are planned monthly. So far everything is progressing well as they get ready for the summer.

Marble Hill Community Center- They will be starting on the Garden soon which helps show children/parents about the benefits of eating fresh fruits and vegetables. The center offers programs for the parents/community like Kickboxing which is held on Wednesday's 7pm. Yoga is another activity offered on Thursday evenings at 7pm. All in all they do their best to provide parents/kids with interesting activities.

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center- There Soync program is also going well. The KHCC this year will be hosting a poetry event which is scheduled for May 4th. The community centers are being advised to encourage their kids to become involved. Luke will work on getting things together and running smoothly. Starting next month, a boutique will be opening up in the Colear/Tibett area which will service the community. This will run for 8 weeks.

Old Business

Judith Green mentioned how next year we can get more kids involved to discuss and vote on projects that effect their community. This is something that was mentioned in last month's meeting. It's spear-headed by the Councilman Cohen. The voting will take place March 30th.

On the social media front, engagement is progressing very nicely. The community is welcomed to send a friend requests within Facebook so that they can stay connected & informed.

Sadie Mahoney suggested that the youth guide be placed on a google drive so that all of the centers can look and make necessary changes which collaboratively, everyone will have a say on it. Everyone working together to serve the community.

We weren't able to discuss the Capital and Expense budget for FY2018. It will be added to next month's agenda.

Future Business

We had director Carolyn Harrison from Young Life, pay us a visit. This is a program that helps reach out to the youth. It is 75% privately funded and 25% funded by the community. It's a year round program. Building friendships and creating a place where the young can be helped out. They are an extra resource that the Community Centers can work with. They work with young moms as well. The youth chairman will look at his schedule so that he can visit the facility.

The Chair of both the youth and the education committee will meet to setup a joint meeting date.

The youth chair is also planning on meeting with the debate team of Riverdale Neighborhood House.

Mr. Dan Padernacht, chairman of community board 8 gave a brief breakdown on the difference between funds available for the councilman to use and the funds used to help fund community centers with their needs.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

The next Youth Committee meeting Date, Time & Location to be determined.

Submitted by,
Lamont Parker, Chair, Youth Committee