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Youth Service Commission Minutes

East Haven Beach House, Cosey Beach Ave. East Haven, CT 06512

August 8, 2023

East Haven Youth Service Bureau Coordinator (YSBC), Andrea Kenney called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item – Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Anthony Archangelo, Nicole Burrell, Chuck Licata, Jessica Trickett

Commissioners Not Present:

Heather Archambault, Al Camera, Simone Saffo, Anthony Perrotti

Non-Commissioners Present: Andrea Kenney, Kelly Smith-Clerk

Agenda Item-Review Minutes

Mrs. Kenney asked the commissioner's if they were able to review the minutes from July 10, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Licata made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Commissioner Burrell. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item- First Event Set-Up

Mrs. Kenney spoke to the commission about hosting an Open House in October at Hayes School. Commissioner Licata suggested a meet and greet event. There would be pizza and refreshments served. Mrs. Kenney mentioned that there are board games for the students to play. Commissioner Licata suggested possibly seeing if he would be able to get pumpkins donated by some local business here in town. Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, and Vaiuso Farm were

mentioned. Commissioner Licata thought it would be fun for the students to have pumpkins to paint at this event being held in October. Mrs. Kenney asked the commissioners their thoughts around what nights that might work best to hold this event, open discussion about the possibility of having it on a Tuesday, or Thursday night between 6-8 P.M was discussed. This event would be open to all middle school students. Mrs. Kenney is looking into a Friday night event in October when there is nothing going on at the Ice Rink. Mrs. Kenney mentioned to the commission that we have received a donation for equipment to start an Archery program and we also have an instructor to run the lessons at no cost. Mrs. Kenney would like to turn it into an Archery Club for students.

Commissioner Burrell asked when this program would start, and how long it would run. Mrs. Kenney said it is a six week round at a time. This Archery program could help students with concentration, behavior, and trust.

Mrs. Kenney took a moment to say thank you to Commissioner Burrell for all her work with the Pal Event which was a big success. Commissioner Burrell suggested having a questionnaire or survey with 3-4 questions to get an idea on what the students might like to have for events. Discussion about a QR Code to scan and get the results quickly.

Mrs. Kenney mentioned that the Recreation Department and YSB would be doubling up on a few events. A Back to School event which will be a Slip & Slide event being held on August 26th, 2023, time TBA. Fall Festival is September 8th, 9th from 5-10 p.m. will be having a few activities this year a 2 Piece Obstacle Course, 2 Lane Bungie Run and a King of the Mountain Inflatable Rock Wall. This will be free and open to all ages. Age group 9-under, 5-6:00 p.m. and ages 10-18 6-10:00p.m. Mrs. Kenney is looking for a few volunteers to help out with passing out event flyers/business cards and bracelets for the Youth Service Department. Commissioner Burrell will mention it to the High School students who might be looking for community service hours as well. Commissioner Licata will be looking into the cost to have business cards made which he thought would be nicer than a flyer and easier to pass out. Commissioner Licata suggestion was to wear your best East Haven Pride Colors. Mrs. Kenney mentioned that they will also be handing out 150 Frisbee's each night. She also mentioned that the last movie night would be held on Monday, August 14th, the movie will be Spiderman: No Way Home movie starts at dusk. Each movie night has been a huge success too.

A motion to adjourn meeting at 7:31, was made by Commissioner Trickett, seconded by Commissioner Archangelo. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Smith

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