

## FLORISSANT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

The January meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:00 P.M. at the J.F.K. Community Center in Room #2.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashley Coleman, Kevin Schulte, Tracie Hudson, Julie Schneider, Amanda Doherty, Michelle Masotto, Clayton Adkins, Cameron Hoormann, Chad Danforth, Fred Schaljo, Peggy Reeves, Janice Steib and Harold F. Ernst.

GUEST PRESENT: Patrick Randolph from Wentzville Parks & Recreation.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Josh Bennett - work, Ashley Chew - work, Jarrod Coder - school, Katey Dyall - school, George Fernau - medical recovery, Jeff Geerling - youth group trip to Washington, D.C., Claire Schneider - school in Europe and Nick Stroot - family activity.

ITEMS DISCUSSED: The meeting was called to order by co-chairs Ashley Coleman and Kevin Schulte at 6:00 P.M. and roll was taken by the members present signing in and introducing themselves.

1. The minutes from the December 17th, 2002 meeting were adopted as read.
2. Ashley reported that she had just talked with George Fernau and he is recovering from his quadruple by-pass surgery and hopes to be back perhaps by April. He sends his thanks for everyone's concern. Kevin passed George's last e-mail around.
3. Kevin welcomed Patrick Randolph from Wentzville's Parks & Recreation Department. His Agency wants to launch a Youth Advisory Commission along the same lines as Florissant's. He was observing our meeting, and then asked specific questions at the end of the meeting.
4. Kevin asked for volunteers to contact by phone all members who do not have e-mail addresses. Clayton volunteered to call for the February 18th meeting. Kevin and Ashley stressed that the members who do this each month make sure they keep trying and either talk to the member, or leave a message for them. The Parks Department will continue to send out e-mails a few days ahead of time.
5. KIDS WORLD: - The present show features Tracie talking with Nancy from the Personnel Department concerning seasonal and summer job positions available and with Harold about the new photo I.D.'s. This show began on January 17th and will go for about a month. No new show ideas were submitted by members, but Janice will be calling members concerning features about the new youth classes. Tracie, Mandy, Michelle and Julie volunteered as possible hosts.
6. "YAKKING WITH YAC" No one has given any input to us yet for this, but several Advisory members said they could address questions from themselves, or their younger siblings. Mandy has found a pair of the chattering teeth to promo this segment, and is ordering them on-line.
7. The officers passed out a letter from Councilman Schneider thanking everyone for all of their work on Project Liftoff.

8. RUSSIAN E-MAIL - We did receive a lengthy e-mail from the Russian visitors who we met with 13 months ago. This was passed around and discussed. No one has volunteered to be on the committee to respond to their inquiries however. If someone would care to take this on as a project with their History Class at school, it could really be an interesting project. Please see Harold concerning this possible alternative to an interesting history, government, or world affairs class. Talk with your teachers about this, it could be fascinating.
9. YOUTH DANCE - We had 138 students at the January 17th Youth Dance - a good crowd. Thanks to Ashley, Jeff, Julie, Michelle and Mandy who assisted in chaperoning. The kids behavior was quite good and they seemed to really be enjoying themselves. The next dance is Friday - February 21st.
10. FLORISSANT FOCUS - This should be at the post office by next week. Tracie has an article on resident cards in it, and Jeff has an article and a picture on the YAC youth dance.
11. Kevin passed and e-mail around from Christin Bartsch, the German exchange student who stayed with the Schneider family last year. Christin wished everyone a Happy New Year.
12. Information was given out on Valley of Flowers Queen Candidates applications. Katy and Tracy are interested.
13. Co-chair Kevin Schulte announced that he was resigning from the Youth Advisory Commission, due to his recent move outside our City Limits. Nominations were held for a new Co-chair, with votes scheduled for the February meeting. Nominations include: Katy O'Herin, Tracie Hudson, Jeff Geerling, and Julie Schneider. Nominations will also be taken at the start of the February meeting, with elections to be held after that.
14. Free Circus tickets for kids 14 and under were handed out for the February 9th circus at the James J. Eagan Center. Call for more information on this if you wish.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- A) The Advisory asked if it would be possible to get Youth Advisory Commission Shirts for every- one. Only a few of the members mostly adults have them now. They asked for preferably polo style shirts. Harold will ask Mayor Lowery about this.
- B) Julie asked if anything about the "Movies In The Park", the Advisory discussed last summer had been decided. Harold mentioned that this item was tabled last year.
16. Patrick Randolph then asked several questions of Advisory members concerning their interests, reasons for participating, how they decide what to offer, etc. He also inquired if they would be interested in possibly attending a Board Meeting in Wentzville to speak as a Florissant representative. Several members said they would like to participate in this activity. Harold said he will check this out with Mayor Lowery.

A motion was made by Katy O'Herin and seconded by Kevin Schulte for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned right at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Coleman