

FLORISSANT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

The January meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the J.F.K. meeting room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Stroot, Laura Pesek, Kacy Carr, Jericah Selby, nJacob Kasting, Sam Pixley, Jimmy Woods, Ashley Hoormann, Janice Steib, Tracie Hudson, Fred Schaljo and Harold F. Ernst.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chad Danforth, Cameron Hoormann, Jeff Geerling, Michelle Masotto and Josh Bennett.

ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDED:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Co-Chair Tracie Hudson. The Advisory had compiled their ideas for new programs before this.

1. The minutes from the December meeting were approved and adopted as read.
2. Kids World Update - A new show was taped approximately 2 weeks ago at the Ice Rink with Nick serving as host. His interviews included:
 1. Janice - about the construction and how it affects the classes at
 2. both centers.
 3. Some of the actual classes now in progress.
 4. 2004 resident cards - what is needed to obtain them.
 5. What the resident appreciation skate was about.
 6. Interviews with several families participating in this special skate.
 7. Jeff and Nick also did a special summary feature called "Kids News" with Jeff's digital equipment. This was a quick update on winter activities.
8. IDEAS FOR FUTURE SHOWS:
 9. Interviews with present Valley of Flowers Court and what it takes to participate.
 10. Advisory member's schools, and what is going on there for youth.
 11. The Shoppes at Cross Keys - what's there for youth.
 12. The Mills Mall and what's there for youth.
3. YOUTH DANCE: January 16, 2004, 7 - 10 P.M. This was discussed. 98 kids were in attendance, and it seemed to go surprisingly well with the construction. Thanks to Jeff, Katy, Jericah and her cousin Angela who all helped chaperone. It was announced that there would be dances thru April on the third Friday of each month. Ideas were discussed to improve attendance at these dances:
 1. Have special give-aways at the last dance. Janice stated this is already in the works with nice prizes athletic jerseys planned.
 2. Glow bracelets or necklaces to hand out.
 3. Karaoke contests or other dance games.
 4. A blacklight section for the dance. These bulbs are very hot, so care would have to

be taken if they are used.

4. Mayor Lowery has requested that the YAC look into having a miniature golf tournament in conjunction with Par Tee up on Lindbergh. Jeff has volunteered to head up this committee. The Advisory has voted to pursue this activity, and see if it can be scheduled in warmer weather. Jeff, Harold, Janice and other YAC members will officially talk with Par Tee on this.
5. The Second Annual YAC Golf Tournament was discussed, and it was agreed to go ahead with it. Old Fleurissant Golf Course has tentatively scheduled it for Sunday, August 8, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. for 9 holes. This will be discussed in depth at the next meeting.
6. Mayor Lowery had requested last month to have the YAC submit 15 new youth program ideas to him by this meeting. This was compiled by the members, and listed in this report. They have been submitted to the Mayor for his consideration.
7. Tracie adjourned at 7:10 P.M. on a motion by Sam, seconded by Jacob.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1. February 17 - 6:00 P.M. YAC Meeting at J.F.K.
2. February 20 - Youth Dance for Grades 5 - 12 at J.F.K.
3. "Snack With The Easter Bunny" is scheduled for the gym at J.J.E.C. on Saturday, April 3, 2004 from 9:30 A.M. till noon.,

NEW YOUTH ACTIVITY TOPICS FOR MAYOR LOWERY

1. Bike Path - Janice informed everyone that 2 major bike paths are being worked on already for future use. One will connect from Chain of Rocks Bridge up thru Sunset Park. The other will go from there, thru Hazelwood, Maryland Heights and on hopefully to the Katy Trail.
2. Paint ball course area.
3. More Sport Tournaments sponsored by Florissant.
4. Youth Self-Defense classes.
5. Activities for High School Age Teens - as dances, swim parties etc.
6. Party In The Park for older teens.
7. A youth play - in the theater.
8. A party in the Gameroom, or the whole Center. Similar to "Project Liftoff", but at another time of the year.
9. Laser Tag activities.
10. Frisbee Golf in one of the Florissant Parks. Set this up permanently.
11. Roller Skating parties occasionally at the Ice Rink.
12. A skateboard park appreciation day at the park.
13. A "Game Room Grand Re-Opening" for kids.
14. "Crazy Bowl" for teens and kids at a local bowling alley.
15. Pool/Foos Ball Tournaments at the gamerooms.
16. The Par Tee Mini Golf Tournament for youth.
17. Continue on with our Seasonal Annual Golf Tournament at Old Fleurissant Golf Course.

18. A youth lock in at J.J.E.C.

19. Fine Arts Contest - Poetry, Art and Monologues.