

The February meeting of the Florissant Youth Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the J.F.K. meeting room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracie Hudson, Jeff Geerling, Nathaniel Binion, Fred Schaljo, Peggy Reeves, Nick Stroot, Mandy Doherty, Lauren Henke, Jericah Selby, Jacob Kasting, Sam Pixley, Jim Woods, Clayton Adkins, Laura Pesek, Kacy Carr, Chad Danforth, Harold Ernst and Janice Steib.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Josh Bennett, Michelle Masotto

ITEMS DISCUSSED INCLUDED:

1. Jeff and Tracie called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The minutes were reviewed and adopted as read after a motion by Sam, seconded by Mandy.
2. KIDS WORLD UPDATE: A new show was partially taped on February 12th, 2004 with:
 - A) Michelle - taping a feature with Katy O'Herin on her roll as Valley of Flowers Queen this past year.
 - B) Michelle - a feature with B.J. Kane, a Mizzou student who is interning with our Parks Department this spring.
 - C) Harold Ernst - interviewed Mrs. Geri Debo from the Old Town Partners/Valley of Flowers office on the history of the Valley of Flowers and how to become a Queen candidate.
 - D) Jeff and Nick are working on a digital "KIDS WORLD NEWS" SEGMENT.
 - E) Tracie is scheduled to do a feature with another girl or two who were candidates and their thoughts. These will all be edited together and then assembled by the Media Department for broadcast as our next show. The Advisory decided to go with the ideas for new features considered for development at the last meeting.

3. Next Youth Dance - this Friday, February 20, 2004 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the J.F.K. gym. Advisory help was asked for, with members asked to be there by 6:45 P.M. or as early as their schedule permits. Due to the construction, help is especially needed in chaperoning in the gym, food and drink distribution.

VOLUNTEERS INCLUDE: Clayton, Jericah, Kacy, Lauren, Mandy, Sam and Jeff coming late and you are always welcome to bring dates or friends to help out.

4. Valley of Flowers: a discussion was held concerning the requirements for being a Valley of Flowers Queen candidate. This concerned Harold's e-mail to the YAC a couple of weeks ago concerning the Valley of Flowers Office's request for any girls interested in being a candidate. That deadline has passed, but we have a number of younger members who will be eligible in coming years.

5. MAGIC HOUSE - VIP Grand Opening and Reception at J.F.K. for the "busy town" exhibit. This interactive display will be in the J.F.K. gym from May 27th thru September 12, 2004, and is based on the series of books by Richard Scarry.

We have been asked to help serve refreshments for this reception from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on May 27th. More details will be forthcoming at the March and April meetings. This was discussed, but the Advisory members said it was still too early to know their schedule at this time, due to graduations and their family commitments at that time. They said they would be able to respond at a later date, but 1 or 2 feel they would probably be able to do this with others adding on later. Please mark your calendar for this event.

6. YOUTH GOLF TOURNAMENT: This has been confirmed for Sunday, August 8th, 2004. This will be a 2:00 P.M. start, with the banquet and awards ceremony to start after the tournament. Janice showed the new golf stationary that she recently purchased for the flyers. More on this at future meetings.

7. "Snack With The Easter Bunny" is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd, 2004 from 9:30 A.M. till Noon. Tracie has volunteered to be the Bunny, with Jeff, Jericah, Kacy and Mandy will probably be there. More help is needed however. Please consult your calendars and let us know at the March meeting.

8. Jeff and Harold are still scheduled to meet with the owner of ParTee Miniature Golf Course to discuss a possible youth tournament there during the spring or summer.

9. Ron Veach, the Director of Parks & Recreation called earlier Tuesday

with a message from Mayor Lowery. He had talked with Greg Campbell, the owner of Crest Bowl concerning the possibility of a youth event in conjunction with them. Harold talked with Mr. Campbell, and he and Janice have a meeting with him on March 3rd to discuss the preliminaries. More information on this at the next meeting. The members suggested that a "Crazy Bowl" would attract the most interest.

10. Discussion was held on summer jobs. Some of the members picked up applications for Florissant seasonal positions. Others mentioned places they were working as Fritz's, Old Town Donuts, etc. as possibilities.

Mandy motioned for adjournment, seconded by Clayton and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M. by Jeff. Some members stayed after to discuss various interests.

Minutes respectively submitted by:
Tracie Hudson and Jeff Geerling

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. February 20th - Friday - Youth Dance at J.F.K., 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
2. March 16th - Tuesday - YAC Meeting at J.F.K. - 6:00 P.M.
3. March 19th - Friday - Youth Dance at J.F.K. - 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
4. April 3rd - "Snack With The Easter Bunny" at J. J. E. Center - 9:30 A.M. till Noon.