

Community Connections for Youth Minutes November 19, 2007

Present: Billy Christian, Andy Perez Mary Ellen Prindiville (Community), Jennifer Schnepf (Community), Ken West (Community)

REMEMBER: All committees should be meeting at least one time between general meetings.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Old Business:

- The minutes for September and October were held for future approval.

Treasurer Report:

- Our balance as of the meeting date was \$2404.29 (pending audit).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P.R. and Community Education/Speakers Group Committee:

- Billy Christian, youth minister from St. Mary Parish, introduced himself. He is looking for ways for youth to serve in the community. Ken offered the opportunity for CCY and the youth ministry program to partner on events, and for the two groups to share programs and information. Billy talked about a St. Vincent DePaul effort to collect furniture for needy people. They are looking for teams to help with pick up and drop off.

- The fourth quarter edition of the Dangerous Times flyer was reviewed. The theme is "New Year's Resolution: Befriend a Young Person." A few minor changes were suggested. Andy Perez will proceed with Spanish translation.

Discussion followed about seeking possible new outlets for distribution of the flyers. Ken asked Andy to put together a list of businesses that they could visit together to ask for assistance in distributing flyers.

Discussion included insertion of the Dangerous Times information in the City Scene. Mary Ellen will find out about deadlines.

Grants and Funding Committee:

- Ken reported that Barry Lamb has found a person who may help with website issues.
- Ken reported on the cost of the Search Survey. The last survey was completed in Feb '04 and included seventh, ninth and eleventh graders. CCY may approach St. Mary School to participate this time. Based on the number of students to be surveyed and receiving the same reports as last time, the cost is approximately \$5435. Ken West emailed Laura and George this estimate. Ken will find out breakdown of coverage and how much CCY pays. No date is set for the survey
- If you do not see a link for your organization on our website (www.ccywoodstock.org)

please
send the URL to Kevin at secretary@ccywoodstock.org .

Youth Advisory Committee:

- Only a few YAB members attended the November 4 meeting to make snowflakes. The snowflakes are now available at 11-12 locations. Ken presented a news clipping from the Woodstock Independent and reported on additional press coverage to come from that paper. He also reported that 90 - 100 snowflakes have been sold with 150 - 175 pieces remaining. Funds raised will benefit Family Health Partnership. WHS Poms will wear the snowflakes as necklaces at the Woodstock Christmas parade and hand out flyers advertising their sale.

- CCY's annual Halloween candy giveaway went smoothly. There was a nice turnout of YAB members. Candy was sufficient...about 1200 pieces.

New Business:

- Jennifer offered the idea of using the CCY web site as a youth activity clearing house. Other groups would be encouraged to come to CCY meeting to get their events online. Ken will mention this to Barry, who will be working with the person making changes to the web site.
- Jennifer suggested making a practice of putting the goals of CCY on the minutes and agendas so that they are continually reinforced.
- The library was to have a display of asset materials. Ken will ask Kevin Eldridge about status.
- Ken reported that CPC is trying to set up a governing board, but there are preliminary steps that need to be taken first.

Future Agenda Items:

- Discuss whether CCY should join CPC. The groups have the same purpose: using assets to help youth.
- Discuss switching banks. Cardinal Savings is closing its Woodstock bank. Mary Ellen will explore other options.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned.

Our next regular meeting will be held from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 10 at the Woodstock Fire Station, 435 Judd St. (please park in the rear of the building).

**If you are unable to attend, please call
Ken West at 338-2921.**