

YOUTH COUNCIL

May 5, 2012

Members Present

Herb Johnson, Co-Chair
Dennis Crowthers, Robins Nest
Joan Killian, GCIT Youth One Stop
Terry Levins, DWD
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Kim Alexander, GCIT Youth One Stop
Marge Fizur, GCIT
Dr. W. King, FBO
Sandy Uhr, GCIT Youth One Stop

Members Absent

Charles Ivory, Chair
Maria Bacon, Abilities Center
Shyeeda Banks, GC NAACP Youth Council
Nancy Chard, GC Human Services
Ranee Davidson, GCC
Andrew DiNardo, GCIT Youth One Stop
Eileen Henderson, Center for Family Svcs.
Susan Perron, Abilities Center
Jenn Shaw, DVRS
Madeline Vasquez, GC Housing Authority
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Dan Angelucci, DWD
Evangeline Banks, NJJC
Muncie Buckalew, St. John of God
Arthur Davenport, NJLWD
Mike DeAngelis, NJLWD
Cristin Farney, Devereux
Sam Hudman, GC Housing Authority
Sharon Rosado, Abilities Center
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Kimberly Webster, NJ Corps

Visitors

Brenna Hardy, One Stop Student
Desirae Weeks, One Stop Student
Paige Panarello, One Stop Student

Natalie Uva, One Stop Student
Elizabeth Tucker, One Stop Student
Robyn Megarca, One Stop Student

Herb opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

A motion to approve April 17, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Terry Levins, seconded by Dr. King.

Student Report

The students reported on how much they like the program and are glad to have the opportunity to take their GED test. Lunches are not as much of a concern regarding choices; however, they have a very small refrigerator on site and would like to know if they are able to request a refrigerator for the students. Herb asked if we could budget for a refrigerator in the upcoming budget. Karen will follow up.

Status

Sandy reported attendance remains good, this month they had 4 new starts, 2 received GED, and 2 gained employment. Last year from July 1 2011 to June 30, 2012 they had a total of 24 students attending, 13 received GED. This year they have 38 students attending, 13 received GED and they have 6 registered to take GED test by end of June.

Kim reported they held a Dress for Success & resume writing day.

New Business

Special Initiative Update – Kim reported the afterschool summer program continues to run successfully with 29 students participating. The students are offered incentive coupons to return for help in obtaining employment.

A career exploration trip is planned to ASI on May 30.

The end of year trip to Morey's Pier is scheduled for June 12.

A community service opportunity of planting flowers is planned at Special Services School District the end of May.

Kim proposed starting in September we meet every other month. Herb stated with the new WIB recertification process being implemented with a new set of regulations we need to abide by, we will look into.

The committee motioned there will be no meetings held July & August.

Graduation will be held June 6, 6:00 p.m. at GCIT in the theater.

A motion for adjournment was made.

The next meeting will be held June 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff