



Chairman: Nicholas Himidian, Jr. - District Manager: William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Minutes December 14, 2017

Committee Chair: Venus Williams

Vice Chair: Nicole Washington

- **Introduction**

1. Committee Description: The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

- **Old Business**

- A. CB9 Toy Drive**

Where are we going to give the coats and the toys?

Nobody got back to Venus about giving toys to cancer patients. We have 4 toys but may get up to 20 toys, which is enough for the emergency room. There may be extra toys from other toy drives in the district. Everyone agreed on going back to North Central and everyone on the board can go to give the toys before Christmas.

The board hasn't decided on a day yet but wanted to do it before Christmas. Everyone decided on coming up with a date at the General Board Meeting. Toy Drive ends on the day of the General Board Meeting.

- B. CB9 Coat Drive-Flyer for Review**

Venus would love it if an email blast was sent out and the coats were given to the people in our community, who really need it. The coats can go to a local shelter in our neighborhood. A list or contact person is needed. Every week we can send coats to different people. The flyer needs to be changed, so it includes dates indicating different time periods implying that people can continuously bring in coats until January because flyer makes it sound like it's an event. Will is asked to give a list of shelters to give coats every week. Coats can go to seniors in senior centers as well. Coats are for everyone, no one specifically. People would bring scarves, sweaters and gloves.

- **New Business**

- A. Community Council Youth Leadership Award Application**

Traditionally, 5 youth is accepted for the award. Will has a list of 5 active youth groups and each has about 30-40 students (NYPD 43rd precinct, Peace & Justice, Transit, Military Cadets and NYPD 49th precinct). A representative nominates one person out of the 30 to 40 students. Will used to ask every group to choose 2 students and the committee would choose 5 students out of the 10 students. However, there isn't enough time because we have to give it in by the December 22nd. In addition to the application, the students are also expected to do a resume with the leader of the organizations because Yankees doesn't accept applications without resumes. Once the leaders of the organization send it to DM Rivera, he'll send it to the committee and when the committees know who the 5 youth are, then DM Rivera will forward it to Yankees. Once it is sent to the Yankees, the student will receive a check of \$750 with an award at a General Board Meeting. In April or May, they can go on the field and they are allowed to bring a family member. They can take a picture on the field. Will is pushing for 500 tickets for our district. Some of the

tickets are given to these youth groups and other youth groups (Castle Hill Little League, Parkchester Little League, Softball League, Teen Life Academy for St. Raymond's and etc.) Will will present a list of youth groups that would receive tickets. The tickets are also given to some schools. Yankees should dedicate a game to the Bronx.

Applicants should be 13-18 years old and usually, someone who gives back to the community by volunteering. Nominees are expected to volunteer 50 hours. Will also asks board members if they know anybody.

B. NYC Charter School Center list of district charter schools and letter

Information of the Charter Schools in our area; 20 year study.

- **Future Events**

A. Soundview Park Easter egg Hunt

As coat drive and toy drives come to an end, we should brainstorm for the next thing that the youth & education committee can focus on. We can start doing the book bag drive earlier. The letters can go out at the end of July 1st, so that there's more time to collect more book bags, which is something that can be discussed in more detail in the next meeting. Because Easter is around the corner after New Year's, we can do an Easter Egg Hunt at one of the schools. We can give Easter egg baskets to the younger kids (1st grade to 4th grade). We can supply the Easter eggs and this can be done in Soundview Park or the backyard of a school. Will said we can team up with Friends of Soundview Park and the chairperson of the Parks Committee is also the president of the organization. They already work on two activities in the park, so we can work together and it would be less work for everyone. We can ask for basket donations. The kids would have baskets and a shirt looking for about 50 eggs. We should be more specific on the age and work with the Parks Committee. They need to start working in February. It would be called Soundview Park Easter Egg Hunt and it would be sponsored by CB9 and Friends of Soundview Park. The kid who finds the most will get a bigger basket with a toy inside and there would be one for girls and one for boys. Everyone else would get chocolate bunnies. We are thinking of using plastic eggs instead of boiled eggs. Will will send an email to the Parks Committee letting them know about the Easter Egg Hunt. The board wants to do the Easter Egg Hunt the Saturday before Easter.

B. Pre- College Fair and other Financial Aid Workshops

In the future some time in February, Nicole was thinking of having an event where junior high students go to get information about colleges like a college fair. Most students find out about colleges in high school and if you're not in track by 10th grade, it is difficult to get into a good college. It would be like a pre-college fair. They don't inform junior high students, so by the time you get to 10th grade and you're not one of those students who were disciplined already, you are going to fall behind. It gets overwhelming by the time you get into 11th grade. This way the students are aware of the criteria before they go into high school. They tried doing a college fair before but it fell through because it was too late. Nicole wants to work with the DOE and she wants to start early. She wants to start talking more about this in the next meeting because they have to start making connections. We want to invite kids and parents, so we would need a good space. May is a good time for the pre-college fair near the end of school for 6th to 8th graders. If you want to go to an ivy school, then you have to start preparing early. June is when there are a lot of trips and commencements and state exams finish around April but Nicole will look more into that. Nicole will speak to a college program contact at her school about this. They should also have a FAFSA and TAP application workshop. One high school student will ask his guidance counselor to see if she can conduct a workshop. Will will talk to the Superintendent of the DOE. Attendees of the meeting will be pulling together their resources for the next meeting. There should also have an information session about the banks that give students loans.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 PM

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