

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Youth Services Committee Meeting

December 6, 2022
Meeting ID: 874 5597 1548

Attendance (Board Members): Soul Creary, Committee Chair John Beckles, Letwine Mavina; Linda Watson-Lorde

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Cynthia Rose, Lajuana Browne

Guest Speakers: Carlston Gray; Evandyne Smith

CB9 Staff Member: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

- I. Call to order
- II. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Soul Creary
- III. Meeting in progress
 - a. Evandyne Smith, guest speaker- Author of Mental Health Book, Suicide is a serious killer. Human ologist.
 - i. Speaking on children and mental health
 - ii. Empowering our youth
 - iii. Mind and mental are the same thing
 - iv. Protein deficiency causes suicidal thoughts
 - v. Young people need to be heard and understood, we need to provide our youth with a platform. Communication is the key to gaining our trust.
 - vi. Puberty-Hormones are changing internally as well as externally.
 - vii. Digital copies of Evandyne's book can be purchased at: SISK.intro.com. On this website you can also sponsor an event.
 - viii. Evandyne's email is as follows, Teamfollowme@yahoo.com
 - b. Guest Speaker Carlston Gray introduced by Soul Creary
 - i. Carlston Gray- Teacher, Assistant Principal, Architect a) Connecting education with jobs for our youth
 1. Programs for youth to stay drug free
 2. Very difficult to keep our high schoolers focused on education This is a serious problem for our youth.
 3. Many of our programs for the youth have been gutted

- c. Charter schools in our district with not so many resources Some public schools have more resources than charter schools.
 - d. There are successful public and charter schools.
 - e. Youth Summit
 - i. Any volunteers for youth summit this Saturday, please contact Soul Creary
 - ii. Also, volunteers are needed for setup on Friday between the hours of 5-7PM
 - iii. As well as Saturday for setup between the hours of 10am-12pm; Contact for Soul Creary is (718)496-5300
 - iv. Attempting to attract at least 50 youth for this summit
 - f. Secretary
 - i. Motion was passed for Cynthia Rose as Secretary
 - g. Discussion
 - i. Any questions or suggestions
 - 1. Reach out to parents to help our youth
 - 2. Educate parents on our rights
 - h. Reminder
 - i. First Tuesday in January is our next board meeting
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm