

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024
Meeting ID: 813 9456 1957

Attendance (Board Members): Soul Creary, Committee Chair, Alethea Best; Letwine Mavima; Felice Robertson; Twyla Ware, Linda Watson-Lorde

Attendance (Community Resident Members): John Beckles, Jr. Pamela Payne

Absent (Board Members): Natoya McGhie

Absent (Committee Members): Anna Lerner; Leah McClain; Cynthia Rose

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Khalid Jemmott, Community Associate

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting commenced and started recording via Zoom at 7:15

2. Ice Breaker

- a. New Year, New Me – 1 area of our life you are committed to developing and how we can support and hold you accountable?

3. Last Meeting Follow-up

- a. Letwine recapped the December meeting in person, in conjunction with the potluck and Assemblywoman Phara Souffrant Forrest during a community youth discussion
- b. No meeting minutes to review due to in-person meeting/event

4. New Business

- a. Brainstorm people/groups who can be guest speakers during meetings
- b. Solidify our calendar and proposed events/activities for this Spring
 - i. Clothing Drive – Partnering with Brooklyn Justice Initiative. We are approved to make the clothing drop site CB9's office
 - ii. Possible Youth Forum with Jackie Robinson School
 - iii. Community clean-up with a potential partnership with the Environmental Committee. Tentative April 27th near Earth Day Community garden – Union between Franklin and Classon
 - 1. Letwine to ask community member who specializes in plants to join next meeting
 - 2. Jackie Robinson School also has an underdeveloped garden area
- c. New suggestions

- i. Twyla mentorship program - high school students to elementary school students during after-school. Tentative February 29th
- ii. Black History Month event to be had with students from Soul2 Soulz or neighboring school
- iii. Black History Month Bingo
- iv. Kwanza Presentation
 1. Students then make their presentation based on what they learned
- v. Soul to apply for Citizens NYC awards micro-grants up to \$3,000 to community building projects carried out by resident-led groups to improve neighborhood life, strengthen local leadership, and scale community partnerships.
 1. Proposal due March 1st. Grant money went towards supplies for CB9 end of year community event last year.
 2. Committee to brainstorm where grant money should go.

5. Next Steps/Action Items

- a. Members are to contact Bk09-1@cb.nyc.gov for information to compile a group chat for WhatsApp
- b. Brainstorm people to come and speak during meetings and/or events
- c. The guest speaker for our next meeting is Shaquan Boykins- District Leader 57 within CB9's district

6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm