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MINUTES OF THE YOUTH SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1987, AT BRONX HOUSE

The meeting was opened at 7:40 P.M. by Mrs. Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator. Mrs. Loeb explained that the Committee Chairman, Raymond Locascio, would not be attending the meeting, and that Lewis Goldstein, Assistant Chairman, may be arriving later. She noted that, as a result, any items which would have been included in the Chairman's Report will be combined with the Youth Coordinator's Report or will be addressed under Other Business.

I. Youth Coordinator's Report

Linda Loeb gave a report on the May 14th reception held at the New York Eye Surgery Center, in celebration of the completion of The Directory of Youth Services for Community Planning Board #11. She noted that the reception was a great success, and she thanked all of the Committee members who attended the event. In addition, Mrs. Loeb commended the 3 community organizations that had participated in the program portion of the reception. She commented that members of The Happy Medium sang several songs from "Annie", that participants of Aging In America's Intergenerational Theatre Program performed an improvisational skit, and that The Bronx Council on the Arts displayed art work which had been completed by children who are enrolled in the Council's local youth program. Linda also stated that the Directory of Youth Services is currently available to any local community group that would be interested in receiving a copy, and that a number of directories have already been distributed. As an example, all of the nearby libraries have been given copies of the directory. Linda then remarked that the reception and the directory had received attention from the local press, and she passed around an article which had appeared in one of the local newspapers, for those members who had not seen it before. Finally, Maude Hayman, Van Nest Branch Librarian, remarked that Linda Loeb had done an admirable job with respect to the directory and the reception.

Linda then provided Committee members with a follow-up report on the 1st Bronx Youth Day which was held at the Kingsbridge Armory, on May 20th. She stated that the day went very well and that there was a large turnout. In addition, Linda noted that a number of the organizations from within Community Board #11 participated as service providers, and that several local groups brought youths to the event. Finally, Linda stated that Bronx Youth Day may become an annual event.

Linda Loeb also announced that the New York Grantmakers Summer Program for Youth proposal, submitted by Community Board #11 and The Bronx Council on the Arts, was approved. She noted that the amount of the award is \$5,000. Ed Friedman advised Committee members that the summer program will operate at the following sites: Van Nest Library, Allerton Library, Parkside Community Center and Morris Park Community Association. It was then suggested that anyone who is interested in receiving more specific information, including the days and hours for each of the various program sites, should call Tejumola Adetutu, at the Bronx Council on the Arts, at 931-9500.

Linda provided the Committee members with information on Community District #11's allocation, as far as the N.Y.C. Department of Parks and Recreation's Summer 1987 Mobile Unit Program, and also summarized the process by which these mobile units had been distributed to various local community organizations. Linda also commented that all of the information including the request forms for the N.Y.C. Youth Bureau's 1987 Summer Bus Program were just received from the Youth Bureau, and that she is currently in the process of contacting local eligible groups and distributing the buses which have been allocated to Community Board #11.

Linda Loeb also advised Committee members that funds have been made available to the N.Y.C. Department of Parks and Recreation to hire additional recreation workers for playgrounds throughout the city, during the upcoming summer months. Thus far, she has been informed that at least one additional playground in each District will be staffed. At present, the Department of Parks and Recreation expects to staff Loreto Playground, which will be in addition to Zimmerman Playground which is already staffed. If it becomes possible to assign recreation staff to another playground/park area within this District, they will place staff at Bronx Park East by Lydig Avenue. Linda further stated that the Community Board office was recently notified that the Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) has plans to expand the number of summer play site programs and to go into more communities than before. There is the possibility of having a P.A.L. program located within this community, during this summer. Linda discussed her efforts toward promoting coordination between the P.A.L., the Department of Parks and the Community Board, with respect to this matter.

Finally, Linda Loeb distributed copies of three handouts to committee members, including flyers on the following:

1. Youth Bureau Thursdays at Six Flags Great Adventure
2. Two children's shows currently being presented by the Center Stage Community Playhouse, and
3. Mayor Koch's Town Hall Meeting to be held on June 24, 1987, at Aging In America.

II. S.Y.E.P. Update

Linda Loeb read from a report which had been prepared by Thomas Lucania, the Assistant District Manager, on the status of the Community Board's S.Y.E.P. The report included the following information:

1. Len Rochester is no longer the Project Director of our S.Y.E.P. He was terminated by the City, on June 5th, because of outstanding debts owed to the City. After consultation with the Community Board members on the Screening Committee, the position was offered to Ms. Camille A. Molinari. She accepted it and was approved by the Department of Employment and the Community Assistance Unit on June 10th.

2. Of the six crew chiefs hired in May, two have decided not to accept the positions. One other has agreed to take the Office Aide position that is open. Therefore, the program is currently in need of three additional crew chiefs. Qualifications are either a High School diploma and/or six months paid work experience.

3. The Community Board has processed approximately 160 applications. It has received approvals on 83 participants. Registration is scheduled for June 23rd, and orientation is scheduled for June 25th.

III. Year End Progress Report on Goals and Objectives

Linda Loeb and the members of the Youth Services Planning Committee reviewed the Statement of Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year '86-'87. The status of each of the stated goals and objectives was discussed. It was agreed that most of the goals and objectives have been attained or are in the process of being addressed. One anticipated initiative, a community youth event, was, to some extent, incorporated into a reception which was held in May for the Directory of Youth Services, upon its completion. The Youth Coordinator and several Y.S.P.C. members, who had originally volunteered to plan a community youth event, redirected their efforts and assisted with planning efforts for the reception. Although this event was not exactly what the committee had originally intended, it did include participation from several community youth programs and did bring the talents and works of local youth to the attention of the community. The possibility of the committee planning for a community youth event to take place next year, will be given consideration. It was also determined that the final goal listed for F.Y. '86-'87, the preparation of a Needs Assessment for this community, was not attained, due to the fact that the completion of the Directory of Youth Services took longer than had originally been anticipated, and because no official revised format for the Needs Assessment has been received from the Youth Bureau, as of yet.

Linda Loeb stated that, at the request of the Youth Bureau, goals and objectives for F.Y. '87-'88 will be formulated at the September 1987 Y.S.P.C. meeting.

IV. Other Business

1. Linda Loeb noted that she and Ray Locascio will review the past year's attendance figures for all committee members. She then stated that any necessary letters which need to be sent, relating to non-attendance, will be completed during the summer months.

2. Linda advised committee members that Ed Friedman will no longer be able to represent the Bronx Council on the Arts on the Y.S.P.C., since he has accepted a new position with a theater company in Westchester. In addition, Marie Yacoub is graduating from Columbus High School and will be going to an out-of-town college. As a result, this is her last meeting also. Linda then wished both Ed Friedman and Marie Yacoub well, and she thanked each for their participation on the Youth Services Planning Committee. Both organizations will be given the opportunity to designate a new representative to the committee.

Linda also remarked that Howard Martin is no longer working at Bronx House, and that a vacancy therefore exists with respect to a representative from Bronx House. The organization hopes to replace Howard Martin and to retain its seat on the committee.

3. Maude Hayman requested that a listing of all of the Y.S.P.C. members be prepared and distributed to committee members, once all of the changes which are necessary are made. Linda Loeb agreed to do so.

4. Maude Hayman stated that Van Nest Library will be losing its Children's Librarian, who is retiring, as of September 15th. As a result, activities for children will be more limited. She then mentioned that the possibility of altering the program, which operates at the Van Nest Library through the Bronx Council on the Arts, to include both teens and younger children, will be explored.

5. Cynthia Doyle handed out copies of the Playbill from the Intergenerational Theatre Program's current production, entitled "Terror Walks Tonight", to committee members. She also provided members with some information with respect to this production.

As there was no further business to discuss, Linda Loeb wished all committee members a very pleasant summer, and also stated that the next meeting of the Y.S.P.C. will be held in September. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Loeb, Youth Coordinator



Camille Molinari, Youth Committee Member

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ATTENDANCE AT YOUTH SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 15, 1987

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Maude Hayman
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Linda Loeb - Community Board #11 Youth Coordinator