



Statesboro Community Youth Network

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STATESBORO COMMUNITY YOUTH NETWORK  
STATESBORO YOUTH COMMISSION  
MONTHLY MEETING

November 21, 2024

6:00 PM

In-Person

STATESBORO, GA 30458

MINUTES

In Attendance: Tina Patterson, Caitlin Brady, Katherine Parks, Dan Rea, Adam Dean, LaSara Mitchell (Zoom)

Guests in Attendance: Audrey Jacobs (new Youth Commission member), Joshua Merriweather, Kathy Boykin

- I. Meeting Call to Order
  - a. Tina Patterson called meeting to order at 6:01pm. And quorum was met.
- II. Motion to Approve Agenda
  - a. Caitlin made motion to approve; Dan seconded.
- III. Reading of the Minutes
  - a. Katherine made motion to approve; Dan seconded.
- IV. Introduction of guests (if any)
  - a. Audrey Jacobs (undergraduate majoring in Exercise Science)
  - b. Joshua Merriweather (graduate student in Public and Nonprofit Studies)
  - c. Cathy Boykin (considering setting up non-profit; has helped to provide home buyers seminar for youth)
- V. Updates
  - a. BOE
  - b. Village Builders
    - i. 24 Morris Street this Saturday (11/23); 25-30 vendors
    - ii. January 11, 2025 = next resource day in BIG/GSU buildings next to City Hall (partnering with Colgate)
    - iii. Community agreement for Village Builders Initiative and mentoring (Spring 2025)
    - iv. 8 interested churches or organizations to sponsor/partner with Village Builder days/locations
  - c. Youth Council

- i. Youth Project is underway; project to be completed by mid-December
  - 1. Chess Park and fountains added to William Tell Trail (wheelchair accessible)
  - 2. Garden planted by Rotary Club
- ii. Assisting with Toy Drive in December
- iii. Reading every month to 7 different locations
  - 1. Partnering with City employees who go read while on the clock; reading buddies
- iv. Local little libraries have popped up around
- v. Langston Chapel - 5<sup>th</sup> grade presentation; wrote opinion about challenges in their community (violence, vaping, more male teachers, bullying, better/healthier school lunches)
- vi. Police and Pizza (teamed up with Violence Prevention Team) on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- vii. Attending Georgia Municipal Conference
  - 1. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 in Atlanta, GA
- viii. Also planning trip to Washington, D.C.
- ix. Book Bus at Winterfest on December 5<sup>th</sup> (partnered with Literary Council)

## VI. Old Business

- a. Planning of Life Skills workshop series/updates
  - i. Next Event (Apartments 101) on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30pm in community room at Little Lott's Creek (hosted by Katherine)
  - ii. Tina met with Vickie Horton from DFACS
    - 1. Would get list of names so we could know who was in this area
    - 2. Suggested maybe we should consider monetary incentives
      - a. State of Hope grant = funding from DFACS for community organizations/non-profits
  - iii. Tina met with CASA - PCA
    - 1. Just received grant to have life skills workshops for youth transitioning out of foster care; currently can do 1 on 1 skill development
- b. Purchasing of SCYN logo items
  - i. City uses vendor and we need to select a color:
    - 1. Gray Tablecloth
      - a. Tina motioned to order; Caitlin seconded.
  - ii. Navy polo shirts will also be ordered

## VII. New Business

VIII. Announcements

- a. Update: tutoring for math; middle-school Hispanic students at Langston Chapel
    - i. Schedule change - every Friday at 4:00pm
    - ii. Ana Goldstein = teacher contact at Langston Chapel
- IX. Next steps/ Action Items
- X. Meeting Adjourned
- a. Dan motioned to adjourn at 6:57pm and someone else seconded.

MEETINGS: Currently, Third Thursday of Each Month, 6:00 pm at City Hall, Council Chambers (Next meeting: December 19, 2024)