

■ ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION ■

Monday, February 6, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
St. Charles Police Department Conference Room
211 N. Riverside Avenue

Minutes have been sent to the following:

N. McFarland – Youth Commissioner*	L. Dandre, STC EHS
S. Anderson – Youth Commissioner	P. Jensen, Haines M.S.
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner	D. Schlomann, Superintendent CUSD 303
C. Hime – Youth Commissioner*	S. Morrill, Wredling M.S.
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*	J. Otepka, TriCity
S. Schwerdtfeger – Youth Commissioner*	J. Anderson, STC Township
L. Vitek – Youth Commissioner*	C. Blake, TriCity
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner*	C. Kyle, STC EHS
J. Wong – Youth Commissioner*	J. Baird, CUSD 303
C. Waibel – Youth Commissioner*	T. Loversky, Thompson M.S.
J. Burden, STC PD	H. Kincaid, STC NHS
J. Keegan, Chief of Police	E. Baxter, STC Library
R. Rogina, Mayor	J. Bruggeman, STC Park District*
STC Aldermen	D. Procaccio, STC Underground
M. Koenen, City Administrator	M. Karson, STC EHS
L. O'Brien, CUSD 303	M. Backer, CUSD303
A. Christenson, STC NHS	J. Greenwald, STC Park District
C. Mendez, TriCity	A. Schuett, CUSD 303
S. O'Brien, TriCity	K. Hood, TriCity
K. Horn, TriCity	P. Yensen, United Way
S. Urban, TriCity*	B. Jones, CUSD 303

*Attended meeting.

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:03 p.m.
- II. **Secretary's Report – Dan Kelly**
 - A. Approval of the minutes from the January 2017 meeting. Motion to approve; carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report – Cliff Hime**
 - A. Approval of report carried; copy of report attached.
- IV. **Correspondence – none**
- V. **Presentations – none**
- VI. **Liaison Reports**
 - A. **D303 – absent**
 - B. **Park District – Jen Bruggeman**
 - i. Introduced Intern Cayla Greenfield from St. Charles Park District.
 - ii. St. Charles Underground update; report attached.
 - iii. Update on current programs.

C. Police Department – absent

D. Library Programs – Brandon Buckley

- i. Update on “Exam Cram” for high school students taking finals.

E. Tri-City Family Services – Sacha Urban

- i. Update on wait list for teen clients.
- ii. Currently not accepting any adult clients until more therapists are hired.
- iii. The gala fundraiser is on April 22, 2017 at Pheasant Run.
- iv. Update on upcoming D303 presentations
- v. Update on “Chick Chat” program; March 18 in St. Charles; open to 4th – 6th grade girls.

VII. Old Business – none

VIII. New Business

i. Funding Requests

1. Wredling Middle School’s Wredling Writes Creative Writing Club requested \$1,000. Motion to partially fund the request for \$250; carried. These funds are not to be used towards refreshments for the event.
2. The St. Charles Public Library requested \$1,400 for the “Reading by Design” t-shirts for the 2017 Got-to-Go Read summer reading program for teens. Motion to fund the request for \$1,400; carried. Youth Commissioner Marianne Weick abstained from this vote.
3. St. Charles East High School funding request for Post Prom festivities. Motion to fund the request for \$1,000; carried. Chairperson breaks the tie in this vote.
4. St. Charles East High School’s HOPE Club funding request for “giveaways” for their upcoming HOPE Hustle 5K. Motion to partially fund the request for \$1,000; carried.

IX. Announcements – none

X. Public Comment – none

XI. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. carried.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Police Department Riverside Conference Room located at 211 N. Riverside Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Dan Kelly, Youth Commissioner

STC Underground

TEEN CENTER

Individual Clients / Scans	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016	94/389	112/428	98/413	108/439	108/432	121/441	109/432	88/377	145/524	128/503	90/284	103/436
2015	97/443	92/363	90/381	96/396	104/380	106/387	107/439	111/409	101/375	101/398	98/413	94/373
2014	118/433	108/403	120/430	110/443	109/461	100/411	99/439	104/428	117/402	108/423	99/404	105/420
2013	71/340	75/259	77/426	101/487	103/466	90/415	78/439	97/486	116/421	118/450	106/464	94/337
2012	111/481	99/452	103/569	98/480	119/558	121/569	102/520	105/523	106/451	120/496	104/534	97/414

Hourly Visits

1:00 p.m.	19
2:00 p.m.	30
3:00 p.m.	25
4:00 p.m.	124
5:00 p.m.	111
6:00 p.m.	70
7:00 p.m.	44
8:00 p.m.	9
9:00 p.m.	0
	432

Female / Male
Member # 282/618
900

STCU Operational Days 21
Average Teens Per Day 20.57

History (# of visits)

2016	347/5,098
2015	319/4,757
2014	319/5,097
2013	305/4,990
2012	264/6,047
2011	275/6,267

STCU est. 2001

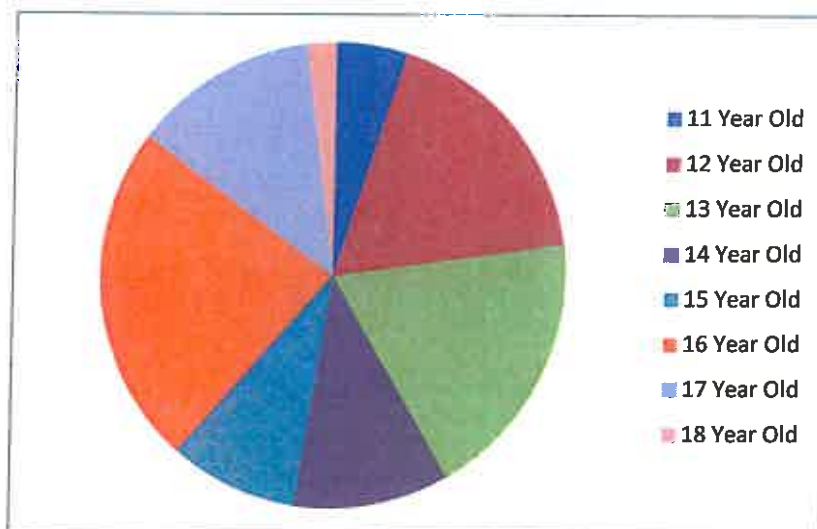
I love bringing my Ukulele down here and hanging and singing with my bestest friends in the world
-Aiko Castellanos - STCU Member

STC Underground

TEEN CENTER

January 2017 Usage Member Age Breakdown

AGE	NUMBER OF KIDS
11 Year Old	5
12 Year Old	18
13 Year Old	19
14 Year Old	11
15 Year Old	9
16 Year Old	24
17 Year Old	13
18 Year Old	2
Total	101



St. Charles Youth Commission

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Contact Sara Cass for additional information at

(630) 443-3777

St. Charles Youth Commission

211 N. Riverside Avenue
St. Charles, Illinois 60174
630-377-4435

INFORMATION

It is the belief of the St. Charles Youth Commission that our young people have insights into both the issues that impact our youth and ideas to bring about positive change.

Please answer the following by writing neatly or typing your answers on the following pages.

1. **INFORMATION**
This page should contain your name(s), school or group that is submitting this funding request.
2. **IDENTIFIED NEED**
Please write one paragraph stating a need you see in our community and describe how you and your youth group could make a positive impact.
3. **THE PROJECT**
In one paragraph, describe your project and how it will address your identified need.
4. **PROJECT GOALS**
Describe the goals of your project.
5. **BUDGET AND TIMELINE**
Please provide a proposed budget of what you estimate your expenses will be as well as a timeline for the implementation and completion of your project.

NOTE: A report back to the Youth Commission is considered an essential part of the funding request. This report should include an accounting of how your funds were spent. You will be invited to present your completed project to the Youth Commission and City Council.

St. Charles Youth Commission Funding Request

1. INFORMATION

Please write neatly or type your application following the criteria requested on each page.

Name(s) and age(s) of applicant(s): CLARISSA BARBOSA (16), EMILY AICHER (16),
CJ METZ (), GRACE MCGILL (13)

Group (if applicable): WRIDLING WRITES CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Name(s) of adult(s) involved with your project: ELIZABETH VANDERWOUDE

Contact

Name: ELIZABETH VANDER WOUDE

Address: 1200 Dunham Road

City/State/Zip: ~~St. Charles~~ St. Charles, IL 60174

Phone: 331-228-5899

Email: elizabeth.vanderwoude@d303.org

All applications may be submitted to:

St. Charles Youth Commission
C/O St. Charles Police Department
211 N. Riverside Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

2. IDENTIFIED NEED

In the words of the famous poet Margaret Atwood, “a word after a word after a word is power.” With a society that continues to push more and more students towards STEM related careers, there is a decreased appreciation for the art of creative writing both in and out of schools. Our group, the Wredling Writes team, strives to increase awareness of the importance of creative writing, for we believe that a community that supports the writing and art of its students, not only fosters community spirit, but also encourages confidence in its youth. We also know that as students improve their creative writing skills they become stronger creative thinkers in all aspects of life, from the classroom to future careers. Wredling Writes has been a functioning and successful student-run club at Wredling Middle School for the past three years. We have had many acclaimed authors speak to the club, we’ve been featured in multiple newspapers, and we have a steady attendance of between twenty five to thirty students. Every week we work to strengthen the skills of young writers who will go on to use their craft to make a positive impact on society; however, we feel that we could do more. We would like to take the same idea that led to the creation of Wredling Writes: young writers should be encouraged to improve upon their craft as opposed to giving it up for another discipline, and apply it to students all over Kane County. Margaret Atwood said it, and we all know it: Writing, creating, and celebrating their writing gives students confidence and a voice. It gives them the power to impact the world around them. With your help, we can continue to foster a community that supports and encourages the talents of our youth.

3. THE PROJECT

Our project, Fiction on the Fox, will be stationed in the Carnegie Room of the St. Charles Public Library on April 14th from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Fiction on the Fox is an opportunity for any middle school or high school student in the Kane County area to share their writing, be that poetry or a short story, through an oral reading. Fiction on the Fox will commence after several months of advertising within schools and on public notice boards, and after screening the entries for appropriacy. Entries will be limited to a maximum of two pages or seven hundred and fifty words (approximately five to seven minutes of reading), to allow for maximum participants. All approved entries will share their writing in front of the gathered audience of fellow writers and community members, as this encourages writers to step out of their comfort zone and receive feedback from like-minded people. In the act of gathering so many young writers and readers we will create a welcoming community atmosphere that values creativity and writing. Participants will be encouraged to talk to one another and make friends during the event. The overall goal is as follows: assemble a large gathering of writers in one place so as to encourage friendship and constructive connection through the act of sharing creative writing. Our team recognizes that writing is often a very personal craft, so we believe in making the environment as welcoming as possible in order to make everyone feel comfortable, which is why we will also offer the option for students to have their work read anonymously. We know that through writing, sharing, and receiving positive feedback, the participants will feel more comfortable with themselves, their skills, and the people around them.

4. PROJECT GOALS

The goal of Wredling Writes has always been to create an environment where young writers can nurture their skills and meet others who share their affinity for writing. A place where open communication and feedback is welcome, and where students feel empowered and comfortable expressing themselves. Fiction on the Fox has the same goals, and will take these goals one step further by extending them beyond the school walls. We strive to create an event that will encourage young authors around the community to not only write, but also to come out and share with the people around them. The Wredling Writes team also knows that writing can be a powerful tool in bringing people together, and we feel sure that an event such as this will act as a catalyst in forging lasting friendships between participants, and strengthening community spirit in both the students and those who come to observe and listen. It is crucial that communities support the creative expression of all their members, and Fiction on the Fox will do just that.

5. BUDGET

We are proposing a generous budget of a thousand dollars, however we acknowledge that this is a large request, and would happily accept partial funding.

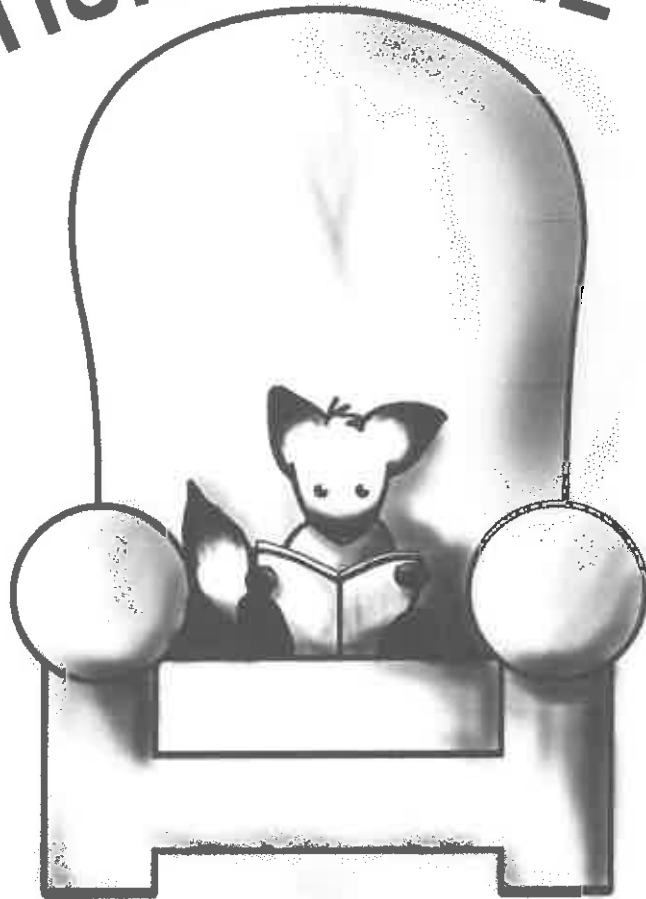
Here is how, if we were to receive funding, the money would break down--

- \$500--50 T-shirts.
 - The top website that sells custom made t-shirts (customink.com) prices a single t-shirt at ten dollars when ordering in bulk with free shipping. We would sell the t-shirts for fifteen dollars at the event, and give a free t-shirt to all participants. We are looking into local sponsors in the hope that they might be willing to offer a discount on t-shirts in exchange for advertising.
 - The t-shirts would contain the logo¹, the name of the event ("Fiction on the Fox"), the year, the slogan ("write, create, celebrate."), and any sponsors.
 - We would like to sell t-shirts at the event, not only to celebrate the accomplishments of our participants, but also to advertise for future events and to raise money for the Wredling Writes Creative Writing Club. Any money that is raised for the club is used so that we may continue to include various forms of instruction, including crafts directly related to the topics we discuss and author talks.
- \$200--Refreshments
 - We plan to have a short fifteen minute intermission in the middle of readings, and would love to be able to serve refreshments.
 - Light refreshments are allowed in the Carnegie Room in the St. Charles Public Library.
 - Like with the t-shirts, we are currently searching for local businesses willing to donate refreshments in exchange for free advertising.
- \$300--Advertising/Programs
 - This money would be spent on printing flyers and posters which would be hung across town and in all the middle schools and high schools in order to advertise for the event.
 - Two rounds of advertisement will be employed, one a few months in advance to advertise for young writers, and one in March and April to advertise for people to attend.
 - This portion of the budget would also be used to professionally print nice programs to give out to attendees at the event itself.

¹ Rough draft of logo is included on the final page of this proposal

Logo--Designed by Emily Aicher

FICTION ON THE FOX



WRITE. CREATE. CELEBRATE.



St. Charles Public Library
One South Sixth Avenue
St. Charles IL 60174-2195
630-584-0076 ■ FAX 630-584-9262
www.stcharleslibrary.org

February 6, 2017

St. Charles Youth Commission
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Fellow Commissioners,

“Reading By Design” is the theme for the 2017 Got-To-Go-Read Summer Reading program for teens at the St. Charles Public Library.

Why read? Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents reading loss. Studies also indicate students who read recreationally out-perform those who don't. Additionally, students read more when they can select books based on their own interests.

The T-shirts my team has designed will be the first incentive teens earn, so be on the lookout for them all over town! Again, this summer, teens who are caught wearing their T-shirts in the Library will receive extra chances in the weekly prize drawings. Can we count on the Youth Commission to contribute \$1400 toward the purchase of this very popular incentive?

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. I personally appreciate all you continue to do for the youth in St. Charles.

Parent, librarian, commissioner, reader,

Marianne Weick
Young Adult Librarian

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St. Charles Youth Commission Funding Request

INFORMATION

Applicant: Jack Jordan (17)

Group: HOPE Club

Adults involved with project: Kelly Pursel, Kari Batka

Contact

Name: Jack Jordan

1437 S 12th Street

St. Charles, Illinois 60174

(630) 777-4601

j34jordan@gmail.com

Kelly Pursel (St. Charles East HOPE Club Advisor)

kelly.pursel@d303.org

Work: 331-228-5719

Cell: 630-631-8668

IDENTIFIED NEED

One of the biggest problems that can be seen in high schools across the country is depression and suicide. Many teenagers battle depression every day in St. Charles. Being depressed can have a negative impact on not only mental health, but grades, relationships, and many other important aspects of everyday life. Depression is damaging to everyone, but is especially harmful to teenagers and adolescents. H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Protect Eachother) Club at St. Charles East aims to prevent depression and suicide amongst both students at St. Charles East as well as throughout the community. We accomplish this goal through the various events we conduct throughout the year. For example, the My Trusted campaign in October helps make sure that every student has at least one other student or adult in the building who they can come to if they ever need to talk. We also host an Illinois Special Olympics party in December and a suicide Prevention Week in February. We are able fund these events using the money from T-Shirt sales throughout the year and through other grants. Our overall goal is to spread the message of "HOPE" throughout our school and the St. Charles community.

THE PROJECT

Our biggest and most successful event in past years has been the Hope Hustle, which usually takes place in April. Year after year, the HOPE Hustle has been a great platform for spreading our message of depression and suicide prevention, and has turned into an event which draws hundreds of participants. In years past, the HOPE Hustle has offered a 5K race, and a fun run/walk. The HOPE Hustle has proved to be such a successful event for a variety of reasons. One of these reasons is that the Hustle gets a big draw from our athletic teams at St. Charles East. The baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse and other teams participate in the Hustle every year. This helps to draw even more students not involved in spring sports to come out and get some exercise after the long winter. The more students that go to the event, the further our message can spread and the more money we can raise to help put on events in the future. Between the T- Shirt sales, admission costs and donations we have been able to raise just enough money in years past to support the event for another year. Now that we have had the HOPE Hustle for a number of years, the event is beginning to become a school and community tradition. For this reason we can expect to see even more students at the Hustle and an even further reach of our hopeful message.

PROJECT GOALS

The overarching goal of the HOPE Hustle is to spread our message of depression and suicide prevention throughout our community. We aim to accomplish this goal in two ways. The first way we accomplish this goal is through the wide reach of attention we can get from an event of this scale. We make sure that there are plenty of announcements and reminders around the school leading up to the HOPE Hustle which helps to draw as many students as possible to the event. Due to the fact that the Hustle is a community event as much as it is a school event, we are able to reach a large platform that is unique from the other events we put on during the year. This impact is not only seen in the number of people that learn about Hope Club and its ideas, but in the number of new club members that join every year. I myself am a new member of HOPE Club and decided to join after participating in the HOPE Hustle for the last two years. The other way in which we can accomplish our goal of spreading our message is through the money we are able to raise through the Hustle. All of our events we put on throughout the year require a great deal of money as well as work by our members. We have had the luxury of having enough funds to run events such as the My Trusted campaign without much restriction. A lot of these funds would be non-existent without the money we generate with the HOPE Hustle. For this reason, we are seeking a \$2,000 grant from the Youth Commission to help make the HOPE Hustle possible and an uplifting community-wide event.

BUDGET

Give-Away item	Cost for One	Total Cost	URL for Website
Sweatbands	\$0.60	\$302.40	http://x.couver.us
Mardi Gras Beads	\$0.17	\$81.60	http://www.mardigrasoutlet.com
Clappers	\$0.69	\$345.00	http://www.stumpsparty.com
Fluer De Lis stamps/ tatoos	\$0.09	\$100.00	http://www.tattoofun.com/ https://www.reminderband.com/or
Blacelets	\$0.34	\$170.00	http://www.stumpsparty.com/
Eyeblack	\$0.90	\$450.00	http://www.stumpsparty.com/
T-Shirts	\$7.00	\$3,500.00	Celtic Customs
Whistles	\$0.60	\$275.54	http://www.stumpsparty.com/
Bibs	\$3.00	\$1,500.00	
Total Expenses		\$6,724.54	
Anticipated Grant	\$2,000.00		

TIMELINE

Committee Development for 5K	January 2017
Logo and Website development	January 2017
Date expected to receive grant	February-March 2017
Website Development and Sign-up	January 2017
HOPE Prevention Week publicity	Begins February 13, 2017
5K Sign-up Deadline	April 2017
Equipment Ordering/Donation Collection	January-April 2017
5K Run Date	April 23, 2017

ST CHARLES EAST HIGH SCHOOL PTO

1020 Dunham Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

January 17, 2017



Dear Business/Community Leader,

For the past 13 years, St. Charles East (STCE) High School juniors and seniors have enjoyed attending a fun and safe post prom event at their high school. **The huge success of our Post Prom event is largely due to generous business and parent donations.** The St. Charles East PTO is very fortunate to have the support of community leaders like you who have contributed to make the Post Prom gala such a popular event for our students.

As we plan for the 2017 Post Prom event, we hope you will consider providing a cash donation, gift certificate or prize so we can continue to provide a safe and enjoyable environment after Prom. **No donation is too small and is greatly appreciated!**

Last year, over 1000 students attended Post Prom and we are anticipating a similar turnout again this year. Prom is scheduled for May 6th, 2017 and this year's theme is **"Saints in Space."** We expect a few hundred parent volunteers to transform the school into a space-themed adventure providing an inviting backdrop for a night of fun and excitement.

With your donation, we can provide prizes and food throughout the night to keep the students entertained in a safe environment. Post Prom is open to all juniors and seniors at STCE and their guests and is held at the school immediately after the prom.

The highlight of Post Prom is the variety of prizes awarded in random drawings throughout the night. Prizes have ranged from restaurant and retail gifts cards to tickets for special events---all prizes were generously donated by area merchants supporting our community and school.

All contributions will be publicly recognized in Post Prom promotions and can be featured in community newspapers and signage at STCE events. The St. Charles East PTO is a 501c3, not-for-profit organization, so your **donation is tax deductible (ID#36-4416600).**

To make a donation, please complete and return the Cash and Donation Form enclosed by **February 28, 2017.** If you prefer, please let me know if you would like me to pick up your donation. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 630-940-6504 or joepostpromdonate@comcast.net

Thank you in advance for your generosity—we could not provide this great event without you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joelle Delgado-Solomon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joelle Delgado-Solomon

St. Charles East PTO Post Prom Donations Chair