

■ ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION ■

Monday, October 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

**1515 W. Main St., St. Charles Police Department
Community Room**

D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*	M. Kramer, STC PD*
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner	E. Mahan, STC PD
A. Farinella – Youth Commissioner*	J. Keegan, Chief of Police
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*	L. Vitek, Mayor
L. Kristofer – Youth Commissioner, Secretary*	STC Aldermen
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*	H. McGuire, City Administrator
D. Saylor – Youth Commissioner	J. Bruggeman, STC Park District
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*	N. Chaney, STC Library*
J. Wallace – Youth Commissioner*	J. O’Neal, TriCity
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner	M. Clark, TriCity
	P. Palagi, D303*

***Attended meeting**

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:05 p.m.
- II. New Commissioner & Partner Introductions
 - A. Ten students from Wredling Middle School and both East and North High Schools were in attendance, representing grades 7- 12.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the September 2021 meeting. Commissioner Kelly made motion. Commissioner Clavelli seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Clavelli
 - A. Current balance: \$15,000.00
- V. New Business
 - A. Funding Requests
 - i. St. Charles Park District Underground Teen Center
 - a. Chris Holling form the Underground Teen Center was present to introduce the request and answer questions.
 - b. Commissioner Stock made a motion to approve the full requested amount of \$3,000. Commissioner Kelly seconded; motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. St. Charles East High School Mock Trial Team
 - a. Team Captains Joseph Varco and Nathan Throneburg presented the \$4,370 request on behalf of the team.
 - b. Commissioner Kristofer made a motion to approve \$3,120. Commissioner Clavelli seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Correspondence – none
- VII. Presentations – none

VIII. Reports

A. Liaison Reports

i. D303 Schools – Patti Palagi

a. Parent Universities are up and running. See link for schedule.

<https://district.d303.org/parent-university>

b. Parent Teacher conferences will be held the week of October 4th.

c. Kick a Thon - October 8th

d. In person open houses looked different but allowed families a chance to meet the teachers and tour the building/classrooms.

e. Parents are able to volunteer again in buildings.

ii. Park District – absent

iii. Police Department – Officer Meghan Kramer

a. Juvenile report

iv. Library – Nick Chaney

a. The Library is officially open. Tours are available upon request.

b. The Teen Center is enclosed, and the space is separate from other areas in the library. The Teen Center has had over 350 unique visitors since the grand opening.

c. The space includes study tables, computers with internet, and video games.

d. The new drive up window is convenient for community members.

e. Patti Palagi noted the library built a special space for their student run coffee shop, *The Daily Bean*. It is typically open M-F from 9-12. They offer a diverse menu which has been updated to include iced coffee this year.

v. TriCity Family Services – absent

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report

i. Please contact Chairperson Muenz if you would like to join this sub-committee.

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

i. Our student consultants met as a group on October 4, 2021. 7 out of 10 students were present.

a. In line with what was reported last month, school spirit continues to be high.

b. Homecoming was very successful. Students had fun.

c. Bathrooms have been vandalized as a result of a challenge posted on Tik Tok but administrators are generally proactive in handling these types of things.

d. Students discussed the role of IDs.

e. Students discussed fights.

f. Students discussed masks and social distancing.

g. Students discussed the role of cell phones at school and in the classrooms.

IX. Old Business

A. Update on Display Windows

- i. Chairperson Muenz reserved the window for December. Our student consultants are excited to help with this.

B. Ongoing marketing

- i. Anyone interested in helping with this, please reach out to chairperson Muenz.

C. Impact Award

- i. This is a great way to honor the young members of our community who are making a difference in the lives of others. The Youth Commission hopes to see an increased number of nominations this year. We will present the certificates at a City Council meeting in the spring.

X. Announcements

- A. Chris Holling from the Park District mentioned that any youth commission member or student consultant who would like to volunteer at the Caravan to Candyland event can contact him for more information.

- B. Commissioner Kristofer invited our community partners to come to a student consultant meeting to get their perspective on upcoming programming and events.

XI. Public Comment – none

XII. Adjournment

- A. Chairperson Muenz made motion to adjourn at 7:13 pm; Commissioner Stock seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the St. Charles Police Department.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner