

■ ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION ■

Monday, November 1, 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 @ 6:02 p.m.
- II. New Commissioner & Partner Introductions
- III. Approval of the minutes from the October 2021 meeting. Commissioner Clavelli made motion. Commissioner Stock seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Clavelli
 - A. Current balance: \$8,880.
- V. New Business
 - A. Funding Requests
 - i. STC L.E.A.R.N.
 - a. Molly Denz, from the organization, was present to introduce the funding request and answer questions.
 - b. Commissioner Stock made a motion to approve the full requested amount of \$4,700. The motion did not have a second.
 - c. Commissioner Muenz made a motion to approve \$1,500. By roll call the motion carried 7-1. Ayes: Clavelli, Farinella, Kristofer, Muenz, Saylor, Wallace, Weick; Nays: Stock; Absent: Diorio, Kelly.
- VI. Correspondence – none
- VII. Presentations – none
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Liaison Reports
 - i. D303 Schools – Patti Palagi
 - a. The week of Thanksgiving there is no student attendance but district offices will be open.
 - b. There will be one more Parent University this year with more to come in 2022.

- c. Parent volunteers are back but required to provide proof of vaccine or negative covid test to be allowed into the building.
 - d. Patti will be retiring in July and will work on finding a replacement liaison for the commission.
- ii. Park District – Jennifer Bruggeman
- a. The Park District boats will be done for the season this week.
 - b. The Park District will begin posting positions for next spring/summer with new job opportunities available for 15-year-olds.
 - c. The Teen Center *Caravan to Candy Land* event was a great success with 400 + kids were in attendance. Mascots from Otter Cove were present. Hockey members from the Chicago Steel team were present to pass out candy.
 - d. The Park District has been working with D303 staff to open a new after school site. The need for this has grown, with 60 kids being added to the wait list last month.
 - e. Holiday programs are coming up. The holiday guide has been delivered to several homes but not all. Winter events related to Santa, gingerbread making, and outdoor sports are featured. There are also fun indoor options being offered for teens as a result of the partnership with the library.
- iii. Police Department – absent
- iv. Library – absent
- v. TriCity Family Services – Jules O’Neal
- a. Mental health providers have been swamped. TriCity Family Services has had approximately 100 people on a waitlist for the last year even after adding four new full-time therapists with virtual and in-person options available.
 - b. The annual *Trek for Boys* and *Trek for Girls* events will be held virtually in November. This popular transition program for middle schoolers was well received last year and offers facilitators working with attendees in break-out rooms to allow for the small group atmosphere.
 - c. TriCity’s biggest fundraiser, the Gala, will be held in the spring. As of right now the event will be in person with a virtual option also being offered. The golf outing went well. There will also be a 5k run in May called *Go Green for Mental Health*.
 - d. TriCity Family Services went from having 30 to over 100 individuals in need of family-based treatment for eating disorders. As a reminder, more people die from eating disorders than any other mental health issue.

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report – none

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. This group met on November 1st.

- a. Library reps will be here to talk with the student consultants during our December meetings.
- b. Students talked about responsibilities, extracurriculars, and finding a work/school balance.
- c. Masks are a problem at school. Not all kids are wearing them appropriately.
- d. Homecoming at North was fun but cold.
- e. College applications are important to seniors at this time of year. Counselors and teachers are both assisting with this process and weekly college and career readiness emails are being sent out at East and North high schools.
- f. Display window help will be needed later in the spring in the hopes that Youth Commission members will provide the content and the student consultants will provide the creative vision.

IX. Old Business

A. Update on Display Windows

- i. The Youth Commission would prefer to have a date in June. Commissioners Clavelli and Kristofer would like input and ideas from all commissioners before moving forward.

B. Ongoing marketing

- i. There is an opportunity for a Youth Commission member to work with Lisa Garhan from the city to work on setting up social media accounts. Anyone interested, please contact Chairperson Muenz.

C. Impact Award

- i. We are looking for nominations for youth in our community who go above and beyond in some way.
- ii. As in years past, we are hoping to present the awards at a City Council meeting in April.

X. Announcements

- A. Marianne Weick will be retiring from the Youth Commission after 24 years of dedicated service. Her insight and historical perspective will be missed. Mayor Vitek has honored her with a certificate. A certificate is also being mailed to former Youth Commission member Cliff Hime to thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

XI. Public Comment – none

XII. Adjournment

- A. Chairperson Muenz made motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm; Commissioner Farinella seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner