

■ **ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION** ■

**Monday, October 3, 2022 – 6:00 pm**

**1515 W. Main St., St. Charles**

**St. Charles Police Department Community Room**

M. Bishop – Youth Commissioner*	M. Kramer, STC PD*
D. Clavelli – Youth Commissioner, Treasurer*	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
E. Livermore – Youth Commissioner*	H. McGuire, City Administrator
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*	J. Bruggeman, STC Park District
J. Parker – Youth Commissioner*	B. Buckley, STC Library*
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*	J. O’Neal, TriCity
J. Wallace – Youth Commissioner*	M. Clark, TriCity
	C. Ruesch, D303*

**\*Attended meeting**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.
- II. Introduction
  - A. Each Student Consultant member who was present gave an introduction. Students present were: Jefferson Dietrich, Mckayla Mitchell, Zahra Coyne, Lauren Slater, Jenna Burrell, Alyssa Hughes, Priyansha Shah, and Paul Vesper.
- III. Approval of the September 2022 minutes
  - A. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Muenz to approve the September minutes with the following changes noted: amend “lunch with staff” to “listening sessions with staff” and amend the spelling of Meghan to Meaghan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wallace; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Chairperson Muenz on behalf of Commissioner Clavelli
  - A. Current balance: \$9,048 after funding \$1,000 for the STC East HS Post Prom; \$2,950 for STC Learn; and \$2,002 for STC East High School’s Auto Club.
- V. New Business
  - A. Funding Request
    - i. St. Charles East High School Mock Trial Academic Team
      - a. The trio of students presenting began by thanking us for the funds from last year and for allowing them to come back to present again this year.
      - b. The group is requesting funds for students to attend the Harvard University Virtual Training Program which includes interactive lectures, one on one feedback, and specifics on courtroom etiquette.
      - c. The group spoke of the benefits of having attended the training last year. Team bonding happened and the students learned many new things and strengthened their skillset which allowed them to place well in many of their competitions.
      - d. This year there are 16 new team members.
      - e. The funding request for \$2,590 covers the cost of the 2-day virtual seminar for 22 members plus 1 coach.
      - f. Commissioner Kristofer made a motion to approve \$2,000. Commissioner Farinella

seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Correspondence – none

III. Presentations – none

IV. Reports

A. Liaison Reports

i. D303 Schools – Cindy Ruesch

- a. Homecoming was last weekend at St. Charles North. Both the dance and parade went well.
- b. Parent/teacher conferences are coming up.
- c. Norton Creek Elementary School and St. Charles North High School were both named Blue Ribbon Schools.

ii. Park District – absent

iii. Police Department – Officer Kramer with Comfort K-9 Charlie

- a. Charlie is a Golden Retriever/German Shepherd mix who will be two in December. Officer Kramer is his handler.
- b. Charlie loves working with kids and has helped the Police Department in many ways, including, but not limited to, providing support to victims.
- c. Charlie assists in St. Charles along with other local communities and recently helped grant a “make a wish” request. He will also participate in the upcoming Trunk or Treat event – costume to be determined.
- d. Charlie has been to many D303 schools. Students with special needs enjoy reading to him and he attends the *Too Good for Drugs* classes. He is also available to just hang out and interact with the children.
- e. There were a number of incidents involving teens from the community and other local towns. Officer Kramer explained some of the incidents.
- f. Active shooter training events are happening in St. Charles. The Police Department is partnering with the Fire Department to facilitate these training programs. The active shooter trainings take place in local businesses as well as St. Charles schools.
- g. The St. Charles Police Department hosted a Youth Police Academy in June. Participants toured the Fire Department, became certified in CPR, attended a mock trial at the courthouse, and examined a mock trial scene. The adult Citizen Police Academy runs March – May. This year’s CPA group included individuals who were signed up for the 2020 session which was cancelled due to COVID.

iv. Library – Brandon Buckley

- a. The library has a new butterfly sculpture on display in the garden terrace. The sculpture was made by a local artist. The library has a lot of art both inside and outside.
- b. In October the St Charles Library Board Foundation is hosting a trivia fundraiser.
- c. The Friends of the Library group will be hosting the book sale October 22-24 in the Huntley Room. This sale raised about \$3,500 last April.
- d. The library has been fine-free since July. Patrons will still get a bill for things that are never returned. It is estimated that the library will lose around \$50,000 a year in revenue due to this shift. However, the library fundraisers help make up for the loss.
- e. The library will be hosting a free family friendly event called Haunted Stacks on October 29<sup>th</sup> for patrons aged 8 and up.

- f. The library will collaborate with the librarians at St. Charles East and St. Charles North High Schools to host a book club in December, January, and February. Titles will be selected from the Lincoln Award winning books. Pizza and snacks will also be provided.
        - g. *Movies in the Park* was an event the library and Park District worked together to host over the summer. Close to 200 people attended Pottawatomie Park. Snacks were sold. The local noise ordinance influenced the timing of the event.
        - h. The popular *Exam Cram* sessions will be coming up.
        - i. The library has hired a new director who will be starting at the library in November to replace the former director who left in April.
      - v. TriCity Family Services – absent
    - B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report – none
    - C. Student Consultant Committee Report
      - i. Today’s meeting was a work session. The student consultants designed displays for the city window, which will be featuring the Youth Commission from October 17-31, 2022.
- IX. Old Business
  - A. Update on Display Windows
    - i. Students completed the window decorations and Commissioner Clavelli will set everything up on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. Ongoing Marketing – none
  - C. Impact Award
    - i. Commissioner Kelly has a nomination
    - ii. Nominations are always welcome so the Commission can recognize the outstanding youth who are making a difference in our community.
- II. Announcements
  - A. The link to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) training will be shared once it is available.
- III. Public Comment – none
- IV. Adjournment
  - A. Chairperson Muenz made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Commissioner Stock seconded; motion carried unanimously.

***The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Police Department’s Community Room; 1515 W. Main St., St. Charles, IL.***

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Lara Kristofer, Youth Commissioner