

■ ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION ■
Monday, December 5, 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 Alderpersons
E. Livermore – Youth Commissioner	H. McGuire, City Administrator
J. Muenz – Youth Commissioner, Chair*	R. Edwards, STC Park District*
J. Parker – Youth Commissioner*	B. Buckley, STC Library
J. Stock – Youth Commissioner*	N. Chaney, STC Library
J. Wallace – Youth Commissioner*	J. O’Neal, TriCity
	M. Clark, TriCity
	C. Ruesch, D303*

***Attended meeting**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Introductions
 - A. The new St. Charles Park District Liaison is Rosie Edwards. She is an Assistant Superintendent with nine years of experience at the Park District.
- III. Approval of the November 2022 minutes
 - A. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve the November 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stock; motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Chairperson Muenz on behalf of Commissioner Clavelli
 - A. Current balance: \$6,448.00
- V. New Business
 - A. Funding Request
 - i. Fox Valley Food for Health
 - a. Commissioner Stock made a motion to approve \$2,000.00. Commissioner Farinella seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Correspondence
 - A. Thank you note from the St. Charles East High School Engine Team
 - B. Thank you note from the St. Charles North Band Veteran’s Day Concert. Video of this event is available at: <https://scnstargazer.org/4127/artsandculture/north-bands-perform-at-veterans-day-concert/>
- VI. Presentations – none
- VII. Reports

A. Liaison Reports

i. D303 Schools – Cindy Ruesch

- a. The district has partnerships with community organizations to help throughout the winter/holiday season: Big Hearts of Fox Valley partnered to give gifts to 205 families, including 521 children. Maddy’s Mittens has collected a lot of winter weather gear to be distributed to those in need.
- b. A recent Parent University educated parents in a presentation called *First Phone*. The Parent University topic for February 16th is vaping.
- c. A lot of testing is happening in the schools. PSAT scores were released to families today.
- d. Parent Literacy night at Richmond and Davis will be on January 30th, and different members of the community will be there to connect with families and promote literacy.
- e. Chairperson Muenz and Scott Harvey, the new communications officer, will meet with Dr. Ruesch next Friday.

ii. Park District – Rosie Edwards

- a. Programs are available and flourishing for youth from early childhood (6 mos) - Teens.
- b. The preschool program hosted a recent fundraiser that was very successful.
- c. Numbers are strong in the before and after school care and preschool programs.
- d. Haines hosts the no school days which works great, since students have the use of the whole gymnasium plus access to the classrooms.
- e. Activities have seen an increase in participation post covid. The Teen Center has seen an increase in study group numbers.
- f. Teen Center/ Teen Camp is getting new gaming equipment and there has been an increase in the number of participants
- g. Trips to places in the community are popular.
- h. Once a month there will be a shuttle from Wredling to the Teen Center.

i. Police Department – Officer Kramer & K-9 Charlie

- a. Arrest update

ii. Library – absent

v. TriCity Family Services – absent

B. Outreach Sub-Committee Report – none

C. Student Consultant Committee Report

- i. Four students were present.
- ii. Finals were stressful.
- iii. Clubs and sports are in full swing.
- iv. Kane County Common Ground – upcoming Teen Center to offer mental health resources for students. Student-led initiative with a couple of adult advisors.
- v. Compass Academy has a wellness center where students can go for a calming space.
- vi. Students have bonded with each other through the challenges they are facing.
- vii. Extracurricular activities and friendships keep the kids going and provide happiness.

IX. Old Business

A. Update on Display Windows

- i. Commissioner Clavelli will scheduled the window displays for 2023.

B. Ongoing Marketing – none; considering typing this in with outreach in the future.

C. Impact Award

- i. Commissioner Stock made a recommendation. Chairperson Muenz suggested he connect with Commissioner Kelly who leads the Impact Award process to further discuss this recommendation.

X. Announcements

- A. Chairperson Muenz noted that the January meeting will fall on January 3rd and that this may be a difficult date to obtain quorum. A discussion ensued among the commissioners regarding the options for meeting in January and what pending business would need to be discussed. Commissioner Clavelli motioned to skip the January meeting, reconvening in February. Motion was seconded by Chairperson Muenz and carried unanimously.

XI. Public Comment – none

XII. Adjournment

- A. Chairperson Muenz made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 pm. Commissioner Stock seconded; motion carried unanimously.

The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2023 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