

ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION
Monday, May 6, 2013 – 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	B. Abraham, STC EHS
*S. Anderson – Youth Commissioner	R. Ochromowicz, STC Park District
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner	D. Schlomann, Superintendent CUSD 303
*C. Hime – Youth Commissioner	M. Dockum, Wredling M.S.
*K. Kauke – Youth Commissioner	P. Yensen, United Way
*D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner	J. Otepka, TriCity
*S. Schwerdtfeger – Youth Commissioner	G. Swanson, Township
M. Tilton – Youth Commissioner	J. Greenwald, STC Park District
*M. Weick – Youth Commissioner	C. Kyle, STC EHS
*J. Wong – Youth Commissioner	J. Baird, CUSD 303
J. Knewitz, CUSD 303	S. Morrill, Thompson M.S.
*B. Tynan, STC PD	H. Cabel, Park District
*J. Lamkin, Police Chief	E. Baxter, STC Library
B. Townsend, City Administrator	D. Beasley, STC Underground
D. DeWitte, Mayor	D. Procaccio, STC Underground
STC Alderman	*C. Blake, TriCity
M. Karson, STC EHS	K. Zupec, STC NHS
*Attended meeting.	R. Miller, Haines M.S.

Meeting called to order @ 6:03 p.m.

Secretary Report – Approval of the Minutes from April 4, 2013 meeting

– Motion to approve carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Cliff Hime

- See attached report. Finished year with \$436 remaining. Motion to approve budget report carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – (see attached)

- Thank You note from St. Charles North High School North Star Scholar Athletes attached.
- Thank You letter from St. Charles Park District STC Underground attached.
- Thank You letter from TriCity Family Services attached.
- Thank You note from Kristen Kauke regarding “Gamers Club” attached.

PRESENTATIONS – None

LIAISON REPORTS –

D303 – John Knewitz – None.

Park District – Jeff Greenwald – None.

Police Department – Bill Tynan

- See attached report regarding St. Charles juvenile arrests.
- Still taking applications for the St. Charles Youth Police Academy.

Library Programs – Marianne Weick

- Exam Cram coming up soon – May 29 & 30 and June 2.
- See attached report regarding upcoming Young Adult Events.

Tri-City Family Services – Colleen Blake

- Update on Young Women's Retreat

OLD BUSINESS –

- City Hall Display Window for August – discussion regarding the City Hall window for August – the Youth Commission voted to relinquish the week.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Friends of Music/St. Charles North High School funding request (see attached request). A motion to approve **\$250.00** for reusable decorations for this event carried.
- B. Kane County Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee funding request (see attached request. Motion to approve **\$400.00** for group outings “incentives” carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. carried.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Police Department Conference Room located at 211 N. Riverside Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Kelly, Youth Commissioner

Nancy J. McFarland

From: Phenev, Julianne [julianne.phenev@d303.org]
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 11:28 AM
To: Nancy J. McFarland
Cc: Susan Schwerdtfeger
Subject: Re: Scholar Athletes/HOPE

Hi Ladies -

On behalf of the Scholar Athletes I wanted to extend a HUGE belated THANK YOU for the Youth Commission's donation to the North Star Scholar Athletes again this year. The athletes have begun their leadership training this winter and will continue for the next two months to learn the skills necessary to train the middle school athletes in these characteristics. It is going extremely well! Your donations are allowing us to provide this training this year and next. I can't wait for the students to demonstrate these skills in the fall when they serve as role models to younger student athletes!!

Thank you again for your support of this program and please let me know if there is anything we can help you with!!

Julie Phenev
National Board Certified Teacher
St. Charles North High School
(331)228-6354
HOPE Advisor
HOSA Advisor
Scholar Athletes Advisor



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STC Underground
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St. Charles, Il 60174

4/23/13

Nancy McFarland, Chair
St. Charles Youth Commissions
City of St. Charles
2 E. Main St
St. Charles, Il 60174

Dear Nancy McFarland,

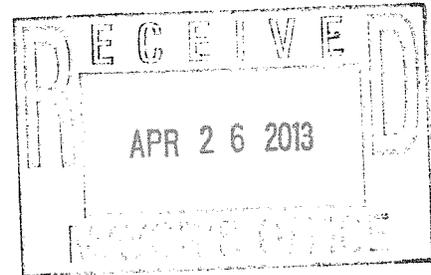
We so appreciate your contribution to the STC Underground, you truly did a wonderful thing. Your generosity will directly benefit the youth of St. Charles and their futures. With this contribution, the center will continue to offer quality programming to our community teens, update program supplies, and purchase new equipment for the center.

Please feel free to come by and tour the center to see where your generous contribution helped to make the STC Underground a unique and safe place for teens to hang out. This letter will also serve as your receipt of donation to the STCU, contact me directly at Dbeasley@st-charlesparks.org or call at 630-513-4321 if you have any questions.

Thanks again for your support of the STC Underground.

Best Regards,

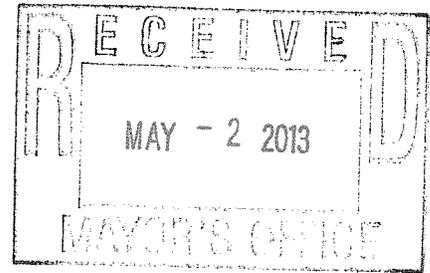
Darby Beasley
Teen Program and Center Director





Family Services

1120 Randall Court • Geneva, IL 60134 • (630) 232-1070 • (630) 232-1471 fax



April 24, 2013

Nancy McFarland, Chair
St. Charles Youth Commission
2 East Main St.
St. Charles, IL 60174

Dear Youth Commissioners:

Thank you for joining TriCity Family Services in serving and supporting adolescents in our community. Your generous gift of \$1,000, received on 04/15/13, will help us provide the Young Women's Retreat to teen girls in St. Charles.

The Young Women's Retreat provides a weekend of emotional self-awareness, peer support, and skill building. This relatively new and special weekend is already changing lives. It was piloted in May 2011 and has been running twice a year ever since. The post-retreat feedback we have received from the girls participating in the program has been outstanding.

Our programs, like the Young Women's Retreat, emphasize early intervention for issues that can cripple a girl or woman into her adulthood and throughout her life. For a relatively small amount of funding, these programs are extremely effective in providing support at critical times and changing the lives of girls for the better.

We find your commitment to funding these services very inspiring and we share your belief in making these programs accessible and affordable to people in need. You are making the work we do possible and it is our greatest tribute and thank you to you to continue working hard every day to strengthen our community, lift people up, and give girls the tools to weather their young adulthood successfully.

On behalf of those we will serve with the retreat this year and the success they will see, thank you.

Sincerely,

James R. Otepka
Executive Director



Gamers Club Evaluation

Attached are survey outcomes from club participants.

As you can gather from the responses, the Gamers Club can be considered very successful.

Raters responded with overwhelmingly positive feedback about their appreciation of Gamers Club. For example, 83% of respondents rated Gamers Club “excellent,” 75% felt “extremely likely” that they would continue participation, 75% were “extremely likely” to recommend Gamers Club to a friend, and 83% felt “very safe” at Gamers Club.

Members commented that they liked hanging out with nice people, playing games, and having fun. Participants wanted to share the following comments about Gamers Club:

“It’s awesome and lots of fun.”

“A great place to make friends.”

“A place to have a good time and be safe and have fun.”

“It is a nice place for nostalgia, nuff said.”

“IT IS AWESOME!”

If the club were to occur again next year, it would benefit the club to improve in the area of organization. If the club had a place to store its contents (game systems, games) convenient to its meeting location, as well as easy access to TVs, that would make set-up and take down much more efficient.

Additionally, we would look to tighten up the structure of the club time, making sure to have students more involved in the organization and decision process of the club.

Finally, club members suggested they would like more game consoles and more ps3 games.

SC Juvenile Arrest listing

Statute Code	Description	Arrest Date And Time	subject ID Number	Arrestee Address City	Arrestee Jacket Type
720 ILCS 5.0/21-5	CRIMINAL TRESPASS: State Supported Property	04/03/2013 16:40:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/6-101-A	TRAFFIC: No Drivers License	04/13/2013 00:44:00	IL0451400:11571:J	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-270D	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	04/14/2013 02:31:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/6-303-A	TRAFFIC: Suspended/Revoked Drivers License	04/16/2013 16:18:00		ST CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/16-1-A-1-B	THEFT: Under \$500.00	04/17/2013 12:27:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-54-020	CHILD: Truancy	04/30/2013 12:11:00		ST CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 600.0/3.5-A	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Possession Of	04/30/2013 16:29:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/21-4	CRIMINAL DAMAGE: State Supported Property	05/01/2013 13:51:00		AURORA	Juvenile Jacket

5/6/2013 5:21:14 PM

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Exam Cram 2013.2

Wednesday & Thursday, May 29 & 30
5:00–10:00 p.m. ■ **Sunday, June 2** ■
Noon–5:00 p.m.

Stop by, study, bring a friend or two. Pizza will be available at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; snacks and drinks both nights and Sunday—all thanks to the Library Friends. Quiet study in the Carnegie Business Room. Reference help and WiFi for your laptop are always available. **DROP IN**



2013 GTGR (Got to Go Read) Summer Reading Program Includes 6th–12th grade graduates Registration begins Wednesday, May 29

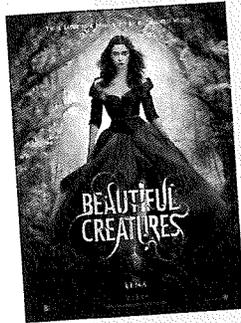
You won't need a GPS, a plane ticket or a passport. Just read and log in your books and the Library gives you great reading rewards from our fabulous sponsors. There will be t-shirts, Target gift cards, Riverview Miniature Golf passes, Kane County Cougars tickets and a free paperback book to take on your travels wherever you go. Remember with each log in, you'll receive an entry in the Grand Prize Drawing with a choice of a bike, OR a \$50 iTunes card OR a Sony eReader!

Congratulations Class of '13!

Who says 13 is unlucky?!? Look how far you've come! We've enjoyed knowing you! Remember story time, your 4th grade state report, the middle school tree and leaf identification project? Remember high school assignments using the Library's databases from home, History Fair research, ACT practice tests, Exam Cram? You still can count on the Library for research projects, job resources, ebooks to download and the newest DVDs. Call us, text us, tweet us, chat with us, follow us on Facebook. And wherever life takes you, good luck in all your future endeavors.

Read the Book—Then See the Movie

Whether it's an acclaimed classic like **The Great Gatsby** or the first volume of the paranormal series **Beautiful Creatures**, it's summer and there is lots of time to read the book then see the movie. Which is best? You decide.

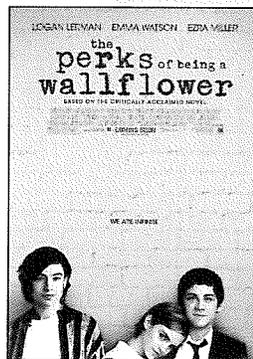


Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia (YA FIC GARCIA)
Motion Picture – February 2013

In a small South Carolina town, where it seems little has changed since the Civil War, sixteen-year-old Ethan is powerfully drawn to Lena, a new classmate with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a dark secret that may be revealed on her sixteenth birthday.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald (YA FIC FITZGERALD)
Motion Picture – May 2013

Jay Gatsby had once loved beautiful, spoiled Daisy Buchanan, then lost her to a rich boy. Now, mysteriously wealthy, he is ready to risk everything to woo her back. Fitzgerald's must-read classic of twentieth-century literature, acclaimed by generations of readers.



City of Bones by Cassandra Clare (YA FIC CLARE)

Motion Picture – Mortal Instruments: City of Bones – August 2013

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

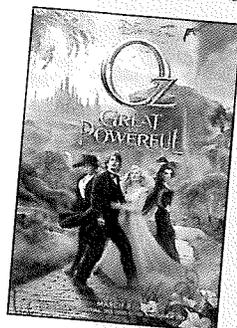
Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky (YA FIC CHBOSKY)
Motion Picture – October 2012

A series of letters reveals the life of Charlie, a freshman in high school who is a wallflower, shy and introspective and very intelligent. A story of what it's like to grow up in high school, tracing a course through uncharted territory in the world of first dates, family dramas and new friends.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum (J BAUM)

Motion Picture – Oz: The Great and Powerful – March 2013

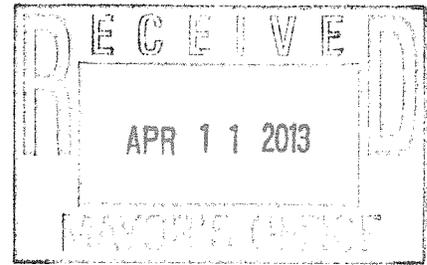
After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great Wizard in order to return to Kansas.



The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again by J. R. R. Tolkien

(YA FIC TOLKIEN)
Motion Picture – The Hobbit, An Unexpected Journey – December 2012; The Hobbit, The Desolation of Smaug – December 2013; and The Hobbit, There and Back Again – December 2014.

Set in the imaginary world of Middle-earth, the prelude to *The Lord of the Rings* tells the story of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But then the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure—a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon.



Friends of Music, Veterans Celebration Concert
SCN Music Department
255 Red Gate Road
St. Charles, IL 60175

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

April 9, 2013

Dear Youth Commission members,

Thank you for your generous donation last year!

For the past 6 years, the Veterans Celebration Concert has gained popularity as an event to celebrate our community's soldiers. The music students at Saint Charles North High School put on a very well received **free** concert for our community's service men and women on the evening of Veteran's Day, November 11, 2013. The purpose of the Veteran's Day Celebration Concert is to provide our students with a way to give back to the community, most especially to those who have protected our rights, secured our freedom and safeguarded our country. The students involved enjoy interacting with the Veterans and being able to say "Thank You" in their own special way. Prior to the event itself, Veterans from the community come and speak with classes, relating their experiences, bringing history to life and sharing what service has meant to them. In addition to the band members, photography students contribute through documenting the evening, local Boy Scout troops contribute by presenting the colors, and local Girl Scout troops contribute by serving light refreshments for the Veterans and their families while they wait to be seated. The Boy scouts and Girl scouts also assist in seating the servicemen and women. This is definitely an event that allows many of St. Charles' youth to participate in giving back.

Over the past six years the Veterans Celebration Concert has gained in popularity and grown in attendance, becoming a community recognized event. Last year, at our Sixth Annual Veterans Day Concert, all 850 auditorium seats were full – with more than 200 Veterans in attendance. In addition, the VFW presented their annual scholarship at the concert which helped to unite the Service clubs of the community with our students. Many local businesses helped out with reduced rates on printing, transportation, and services.

Thanks to your committee's generous participation and donation, the awesome US flag as a backdrop motivated many attendees to personally thank Veterans for their service. Your contributions also enabled us to decorate the Main Street window, raise awareness of the concert through additional community contacts, prominently display posters throughout St. Charles, recognize those Veterans present by providing a lapel pin, and most importantly we were able to reach out to many more Veterans than ever before. As the Veterans Celebration Concert continues to grow in popularity, so does the financial assistance needed to carry out this free concert.

We would like to be able to:

- Purchase additional re-useable patriotic decorations – bunting, banners, tablecloths
- Increase the number of printed posters to put into local venues so that our whole community is invited
- Continue to print programs for attendees
- Continue to provide water/coffee/snacks for Veterans
- Purchase additional ribbons as a way to recognize the Veterans
- Continue mailing out individual invitations from the band students to each serviceman and service woman in the St. Charles area
- Rent “bistro” type tables for the refreshment area outside the auditorium where the Veterans, service men and women and their families gather prior to the concert
- Cover transportation costs in the event that the company currently providing gratis will not be available

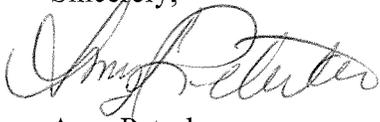
We recognize these undertakings may be costly, and that as the concert continues to evolve, the costs may well too. We respectfully request any assistance your committee may be able to provide in helping to defer some of the costs. In the past, a small percentage of costs have been reimbursed from fundraising through our parent-booster supporters, Friends of Music and direct contributions. On the following page is outlined the costs we had in 2011 and 2012, and the expected costs for 2013.

Veterans Celebration Concert

	2011	2012	expected 2013
decorations	0	129	250
Veterans ribbons	0	98	55
Poster printing and layout	70	198	225
postage for mail outs	20	115	115
Program B&W inside sheet copy	20	44	100
Gold star decoration	0	13	0
Starbucks cards for Thank You	0	90	100
Thank you cards X 8	0	22	25
Food/ Beverages	200	200	200
Transportation	0	0	200
Total	310.00	909.00	1270.00

To summarize, the St. Charles North High School Veterans Day concert would like to request a grant toward helping to defer some of the cost for the free Veterans Celebration Concert on November 11, 2013. This concert is held so that the students can give back to, and honor, the servicemen and servicewomen in our community. We appreciate your consideration of our cause. Should you have questions, I can be contacted on 630-899-9806.

Sincerely,



Amy Peterkes
Chairman, Veterans Celebration Concert
On behalf of the Music Department at
Saint Charles North High School



2012 Veterans Celebration Concert

Thomas Mueller
Judge in Chambers



Leigh Bell
Acting Program Coordinator

16th Judicial Circuit Kane County Juvenile Drug Court

**Kane County Juvenile Justice Center
37W655 Route 38, 2nd Floor
St. Charles, IL 60175
Telephone (630) 444-3173
Facsimile (630) 232-5405**

April 22, 2013

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

Dear Youth Commission Members:

The Kane County Juvenile Drug Court has been in existence since 2004, after Kane County officials saw the national success of drug courts as a way to motivate teens to change their lives. Nationally, only 27% of drug court graduates were back in trouble two years after completing the program, compared to 59% of people imprisoned for drug offenses, according to a National Drug Control Study.

The Juvenile Drug Court has had a lifelong effect on juveniles who live in St. Charles and the Fox River Valley. At a Juvenile Drug Court graduation, a fifteen year old female from St. Charles related, "I hardly resemble the person I was a year and a half ago. I wouldn't want to know what I would be like without this experience."

Since the JDC began in 2004, approximately 9% have come just from St. Charles, and approximately 25 – 30% of the children involved in JDC are from the Tri-City area. The vast majority in the Program are from the Fox River Valley. The JDC has a lasting effect and benefits all youth within the service area; drug use by children isn't just limited to the Tri-Cities. Substance abuse by children north and south of the Tri-Cities still has a direct impact in our area.

The mission of the Kane County Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee is to assist the Drug Court by educating the community of Kane County, increasing

community awareness and providing support to members of the Court in order to eliminate the misuse of substances.

On behalf of the Kane County Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee, I would like to request funds from the St. Charles Youth Commission in the amount of \$1120.00. The funds would be used for group outings, incentive gift cards, and graduations.

Behavior modification is at the heart of Juvenile Drug Court. The judge administers incentives and sanctions in an immediate and consistent manner. Creating a link between behavior and consequences is key in the development of positive behavior changes. The other funds requested would be used for group outings for the children and the JDC Team, and paying for refreshments for Juvenile Drug Court graduations. A breakdown for the request is attached.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We greatly appreciated the support of the Youth Commission in the past, and look forward to forming a partnership in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul McCurtain". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paul McCurtain

Chairperson

Kane County Juvenile Drug Court Advisory Committee

Breakdown of Funds Requested – 2013

- **Group outings (3) with an average of 10 juveniles for each outing for an approximate cost of \$420.** Past group outings have included; trips to the zoo, playing softball games and attending a Kane County Cougar games. The group outing allow for team building and for the children to get to know and connect with the JDC Team members.
- **Incentive gift cards (16) with an estimated cost of \$400.** To date, Incentive gift cards have been purchased at Target, Barnes & Noble, Burger King, Meijer, and WalMart.
- **Juvenile Drug Court Graduations with an estimated cost of \$300.** Graduations from Juvenile Drug Court are joyous occasions that are celebrated by the children, their families, and members of the JDC Team. The Advisory Committee pays for the cost of the pizza, cake and soda. There are approximately three graduations a year from JDC and cost is approximately \$100 per graduation.

Total funds being requested = \$1120