

Youth First Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2008

I. Attending

Clark, Nicki, Pedro, Clarissa, Cynthia, Christine, Jinny, Maggie, Mike, Ronnie

II. Minutes

Pedro motions to approve, Nicki seconds, motion carries unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Includes money for Ray Roberts mural – needs to be separated out.

Cesar Chavez mural money included and needs to be separated.

Updated budget report for next month.

Mike moves to approve, Nicki seconds, motion carries unanimously.

IV. Old Business:

A. Nikki H.'s report on meeting w/Hispanic Resource Council re: the mural

- Result of request to change the eagle's eye from a star to a circle
 - No one sees this being a problem for Mario. We need to find out how that will work with the artist.
 - Nicki will talk to Mario
 - Christine will contact Vona.
 - Nicki will get information from Jinny on how to contact the Cesar Chavez Foundation
- Would like Youth First to be involved in the Dia de Campasino – August 17th.
 - Will be more like a health fair this year with breast cancer screening, etc.
 - Clarissa thought GUARDIAN should get involved as well.
 - Clark suggests that we should all think of groups that could be involved.

B. New mural report – Sycamore School

- Christine reported there is around \$700. It is being turned over to the Sycamore site committee, but they have not yet met. Will be later this month, and Christine has volunteered to be at the meeting.
- Need to make sure permission from original artist to make it into a mural, was a gift to Ray Roberts from Jeff Buschman.
- School board must approve if it will be placed on a school owned building.

C. Updates on grants? (SCVPP/Character Ed./ SCPP)

- SCVPP – we will be notified May 2nd if we have received. - \$500,000 over 5 years

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- Character Ed - Sprint, was turned in Tuesday morning. Pam Wolf provided some input for Cynthia on this grant. \$25,000 - \$5,000 for Youth First coordination, the rest some stipends for the teachers. We will know June 30 on this grant.
- SCPP – this grant ends this summer after 3 years. Christine will write final report this summer.
 - We will bill Christine’s time to BCOE because this was written into the grant. They will pay Youth First and we will then pay Christine. Youth First will need to invoice for this.
 - We are not eligible to apply for that again this year.

D. Review number of youth participants in Gridley’s Recreation Program last year.

- Finally got baseline numbers from Rec. Department. We will now be able to track any improvements.
 - Numbers are not perfect, include adults in many cases.

E. Review list of possible “summer camp programs” – grades K-5

- Christine has compiled a list of possible summer programs.
 - BCOE has just started Bits, Bytes and Bots. BCOE may be willing to do a program for the summer. We have access to all the “stuff” but would have to hire coordinators.
 - Christine will contact Lisa Byrns
 - Christine contacted Tavaci about doing a week in the summer.
 - Missoula Children’s Theater
 - Handle up to 70 kids.
 - Tennis Camp – Linda McDowell did through rec last year, but was not well attended. Willing to do this again. If run through the rec department, everyone must be fingerprinted.
 - Dance camp, we have not yet contact anyone. Could be senior student’s in Lynn’s Dance, Butte College Dance Team, etc
 - Gymnastics Camp – Guard Young – “Youngsters” willing to work with us on a camp for a week. Want to keep cost down. Would cost much less if we could get people to Yuba City.
 - Bus?
 - They thought about 30 kids for a week, k-5
 - Cooking Camp
 - Tuesday & Thursday classes 2-3 time for summer, 8 kids at a time, at a reduced rate.
 - Clarissa suggests a budget cooking class for families as well.

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- Exploratorium Summer Camp
apps.exploratorium.edu
 - Christine will approach Allison Jones
- Kaleidoscope would love to run an art camp for a week
- Nature and games camp
- Crafts camp
- Aquatic Camp – Charla Nielson suggest swimming lessons
 - Mike has insurance concerns there.
 - There is an aquatic center at the Fore Bay run by Chico State
 - Kayaking, paddle boats, etc
 - Clarissa thinks Chico State would be willing to work with us on this
- Service Camp.
- What do we want to do?
 - Clark suggests we finalize list of costs and number of participants. Allow Christine to book now if something needs to be.
 - Christine will meet with Malanie and discuss what is sustainable and go from there.
 - Clark asks how we change who is participating to draw from the widest range of kids.
 - Who is willing to work out at the housing authority?
 - The timeline is after summer school, or perhaps after school is out.
 - District may be willing to bus in the afternoon during summer school, also.
 - Also, perhaps some activities during the day for those not attending summer school.
 - Migrant ed pays to encourage summer school, Migrant ed may be willing to help with these camps also.
 - Also mini-grants, up to \$5000 through school district called Promising Practices
 - We also need to talk to Rec about what obstacles are and how we can help resolve that.
- If we come up with ideas and funding, rec department willing to be structure.
 - Mike says service organizations will fund either way, they just want it to take place.
 - Clark wants to know if rec would continue in future years with provided funding?
- Nikki to review findings re: funds for summer programs
 - Nicki still working with the representative.

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- Approach service organizations to sponsor a “camp”
 - Locations
 - Are we overcoming obstacles to participation?

F. Membership

- Christine contact Aaron Wood who has agreed to be on the Executive Committee
- Ronnie would like to see kids here again.
- Someone else needs to be Executive Director, names need to be presented 10 days before meeting.

G. Marketing

- Report on Youth First monthly column/community calendar
- Report on Signage
 - Mike reports talking to City hall, they had bids come in – Andrea Redamonti
 - Harshbargers have offered land for a sign with stipulations
- We will track “hits” on website. For March 2008- 500 hits
 - Track if articles in the newspaper will affect this number.

H. April 18th budget meeting!

I. Red Suspender’s Day participation

1. Suzanne is coordinating for the parade, nothing has been done on a booth.

J. National Night Out –

- Mary Ann Jenkins is willing to coordinate with the Police Dept.
 - Different stations w/activities for families
 - We agree to have Mary Ann represent Youth First on organizing this.

K. Gangs – United Parents working on another activity. Youth First has offered to help however we can.

L. Membership

- Christine will look at what sectors we are missing representation from and contact possible board members. If something happens, names can be presented to the Executive Committee by email.

Next meeting will be held May 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office