

Youth Council
Thursday, December 14, 2006

Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Youth Council chair Paul Paradzinski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m..

Members present: **Paul Paradzinski**, chair, Craig County; **Ron Jones**, Tap This Valley Works; **Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development; **Harriet Woodward**, Alleghaney/Covington Department of Social Services, **Jodylee Edsall**; Roanoke County Schools; **Michele Wells**, VA Department of Rehabilitation Services; **Wanda Anthony**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys WIA Youth Program; **Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement, Roanoke; **Cindy Goldstein**, Roanoke City Schools;

Members absent: **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division; **Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program; **Lisa Meek**, Old Dominion Job Corp; **Barbara Humphreys**; Franklin County Schools;

Staff present: **Doloris Vest**, president; **Sherry Dean**, accountant;

Visitors present: **Teresa Hammond**, Dabney Lancaster Community College Tech Prep

A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Harriet Woodward moved that the minutes from the November 4, 2006 meeting be approved. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

III. Presentation

Doloris Vest reported that she had recently gone to the Regional Economic Summit. She played a video of a presentation, from the summit, that was produced by Capital One. The video stressed the importance of focusing early on childhood/preschool education in order to prevent the educational drop-out problem present in our country today.

IV. Reports

A. Youth Programs: Ms. Anthony reported on 1st quarter PY06 youth program enrollment. Ms. Anthony will be working in the Rocky Mount office and the person filling her position in Salem is Megan Hess.

B. WDB Board Update:

1. Ms. Vest reported the board was very pleased with the steadily improving performance within the youth programs.

2. The youth council is still in need of a parent of a youth program participant to fill the vacant council seat and Ms. Vest noted that WIA funds could be used to purchase a bus ticket for that person to attend.
3. On Tuesday, December 19, 2006, the youth council is in partnership with Hurt Park Elementary PTA meeting to participate in a trade show of all school partners to provide information to the community about resources available. All are invited to attend.

V. Unfinished Business

Strategic Plan: The board will be working on the 3 year strategic plan starting in February 2007. It has been suggested that a plot of specifics to be completed should be included in the plan.

VI. New Business

Incentive Grant Funding: At the February 2, 2007 WDB board meeting possibilities for use of incentive grant funding will be discussed. The youth council is encouraged to develop ideas so possibly a portion of this funding could be used for a youth function. It is possible some of this funding will be used to enhance the function planned for April 2007 with speaker Ken Gray. Guest **Teresa Hammond** noted that Ken Gray is looked upon as one of the "founding fathers" of tech prep and he has been a speaker at national conferences she has attended. Ms. Hammond noted that Mr. Gray has been an advocate of valuable programs such as CTE classes at the high school level which encourages students to stay in school.

VII. Announcements

Next meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 9 a.m. in RHEC room 813. This will be a combined meeting with the new Youth Forum.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Doloris E. Vest

Doloris Vest, president

Date