

**Youth Council
Minutes
March 14, 2006**

I. Call to Order

Youth Council Chair Paul Paradzinski called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present: **Paul Paradzinski**, Chair, Craig County; **Wanda Anthony**, Goodwill Industries of the Valleys WIA Youth Program; **Jodylee Edsall**, Roanoke County Schools; **Laura Elliott**, Junior Achievement, Roanoke; **Becky Johnson**, MeadWestvaco; **Marion Vaughn-Howard**, Roanoke Department of Park and Recreation Youth Services Division; **Michele Wells**, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services; **Harriet Woodward**, Alleghany/ Covington Department of Social Services; **Bill Zimmerman**, Diversion Program

Members absent: **Ron Jones**, TAP This Valley Works; **Russ Merritt**, Franklin County YMCA; **Jennifer Unroe**, 4-H Youth Development

Staff present: **Doloris Vest**, WDB president; **Anne Cooney**, administrative assistant

A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Anthony moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006, meeting as presented; Ms. Wells seconded. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

IV. Reports

A. Goodwill Industries of the Valleys – Youth Programs Ms. Anthony reported the following:

- Participation: Younger Youth - 136 year to date; 50 current; 151 percent attained skills goals Older Youth: 22 year to date; 13 current, 4 newly registered
- Recruiting efforts continue, focused on older youth; inquiries for the summer program have begun. Ms. Anthony recently held four 30-minute sessions – for seventh- and eighth-graders at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Franklin County – introducing the students and their parents to the Goodwill youth programs.

Ms. Anthony identified prospective council members: Barbara Humphries, Transition Coordinator in the Franklin County school system; and Cindy Goldstein, Training Coordinator at William Fleming High School.

WDB Board Update

Ms. Vest reported the following:

- Changes at Roanoke Workforce Center: Physical changes are being made to the Workforce Center's entrance so that there is one main entrance and one central point of contact.
- New hires at the Workforce Center:
 - Workforce Systems Director – to coordinate all 3 workforce centers in WIA III;
 - Information/front-door people – neutral people to refer visitors to all partners.

- Performance Celebration luncheon: Noon on Wednesday, March 22; celebrates meeting or exceeding all 17 WIA performance measures for second quarter PY2005. The luncheon will be preceded by a case manager workshop with presentations by current training providers.
- Training and employment opportunity: Davis H. Elliot Company is looking for linemen although the job is very physical; it pays well and includes company-funded training and accommodations when working out of town.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Bylaws: All Council members had received the draft bylaws prior to the meeting. Suggestions or changes already incorporated into the bylaws were discussed and accepted.

Mr. Zimmerman moved the Youth Council approve the bylaws as presented and forward to the Board of Directors for acceptance; Ms. Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Election of Youth Council officers for PY2006 will take place at the June meeting.

B. 2006 Goals & Priorities: Discussion focused on three major priorities:

1. Educate younger youth about employment opportunities, including the importance of part-time work
2. Educate older youth about non traditional occupations, self direction and role models.
3. Educate 18-24 older youth and 14-18 younger youth about their work and life opportunities.

C. Job Fair Plans: TAP Job Fair is Tuesday, April 4, from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the Roanoke Civic Center Exhibition Hall. Youth Council members who volunteered to assist with the student portion of the fair (9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.) are Mr. Paradzinski, Ms. Vaughn-Howard, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. Wells, and Ms. Woodward. Ms. Vest and Ms. Cooney will also attend the Job Fair.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Announcements

Next meeting: April 11, 2006, 9 a.m., Rm. 813, Roanoke Higher Education Center.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Anne M. Cooney

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Date