

South Hadley Youth Commission - Youth Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday March 9, 2015 7:00pm

1. **Call To Order 7:05pm.** In attendance Maritza Roman, Jailene Rodriguez, Dominique Stevenson-Pope, Dylan Sparks, Andrei Danilchenko, New Member: Jess
2. **Mount Holyoke College Partnership**
  - a. Meeting with Alan Bloomgarden
    - i. Youth would like Mt. Holyoke's help in expanding on issue.
    - ii. Would like to set up a Town Wide events including those in the college and high school
    - iii. Youth had expressed interest in a shadowing program with Mt. Holyoke College
    - iv. Jess has mentioned she would like to see a seminar about time management, stress relief etc.
    - v. Would like to hold meetings at the college and invite Mt. Holyoke students to attend to give opinions and inputs
    - vi. Danielle will bring these ideas with her to her meeting with Alan Bloomgarden on Tuesday morning and will report back at the next meeting with the outcome of the meeting.
  - b. Looking ahead to activities
3. **Leadership Trip to Boston**
  - a. Potential Colleges
    - i. Danielle put together list of 3 colleges (UMass Boston, Emanuel College & Northeastern University) that contained students interest and would work with the trip. Voting occurred and there was a tied vote for Emanuel and Northeastern. Danielle will look into which college will fit into the day better.
  - b. Potential Activities
    - i. Danielle put together list of 3 potential activities to partake in (Duck Tour, Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, Museum of Fine Arts). Voting occurred and the Museum of Fine Arts was selected.
4. **FallsFest Activities**
  - a. Jailene had mentioned that she would be able to provide 10+ carnival games, and every agreed they would like to do carnival games for the Youth Commission portion of the Family Activities.
  - b. Dominique would like bubbles to be available in the dance floor area
  - c. Martiza would like Glo Sticks to be available for use at night, could potentially sell them
  - d. Battle of the Bands & Improv at night is something the youth said they would be interested in attending at night at FallsFest.

## **5. Global Youth Service Day**

- a. Martiza had suggested picking up trash. Danielle responded that it may be hard with the amount of snow on the ground to do this right now, but will keep it in her notes for a future activity.
- b. Dominique had mentioned a company called Birthday Wishes and if we could collect stuff for the parties or even help out at them. Danielle said she would get in contact with them to see what options we may have.
- c. Visiting the senior center for activities was brought up.
- d. Bake sale at the school was mentioned but also was said that there are a lot of limitations and rules regarding this fundraiser
- e. Maritza stated the Environmental club was discussing redoing the garden at the High School and it could become a combined effort.

## **6. Other Business**

- a. Dominique had mentioned that she would like to start up the book club at Odyssey again and potentially expand this to other ages. Danielle will meet with her separately to discuss this possibility.

## **7. Adjournment at 7:50pm**

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7pm.