

**Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth**  
**May 2, 2022**  
**Meeting at Fewell Park**  
**5:30 PM**

The Commission serves to enhance and promote the positive development of all children and youth through comprehensive collaborative action. The Commission will utilize all of the community's resources, public and private agencies, businesses, church and civic organizations, to promote the health, safety, education and social well-being of all children and youth.

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Jenifer Crawford, Queenie Hall, John Sanders, Clair Roberts, Sarah Hopkins, Mary Robbins Evans, Cindy Taubenkimel

**Absent:** Erica Smith, Rick Gist

**Staff:** Garnet McKeown, Patti Panetti, Olivia Reed

**CALL TO ORDER** 5:30 PM

**MARCH AND APRIL MINUTES APPROVED**

**Representative from the Youth Council came to speak – Lee Ann Miller**

- Lee Ann is a senior at South Pointe and is the Vice Chair of the Youth Council
- She talked about the "Spring Into Volunteering" event that the Youth Council hosted recently
  - Over 50 students helped out over the course of two days, cleaning up streets, picking up trash etc. in advance of the Come See Me Festival and parade
  - The Youth Council headed up and organized this initiative and provided tee shirts and trash bags
- Lee Ann also spoke about the grant program that the Youth Council oversees
  - There were 9 grant groups in the fall
- Since the luminary project honoring frontline workers got rained out last year, the plan is to try again this year
- Another upcoming Youth Council project is working with Project Safe Pets to build dog houses for underprivileged dogs
  - This will take place at Bark in the Park at Emmett Scott

**Old Business**

- Mental Health Summit will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Sports & Events Center
  - Commissioners were encouraged to RSVP if they have not already done so
  - The invitation is open to everyone, and Commissioners encouraged to invite others
  - Facilitators needed for each table
    - Tables will have a notebook with 5-6 questions in it for facilitators to help lead discussions on mental health at their table
    - Commissioners were asked to let Patti know if they were available to facilitate
  - The Summit will take the place of the June CCY meeting
- #1 Question webpage up-to-date
  - Will continue to be updated and maintained as PRT's website is updated

### **Youth Council Report**

- Student representative came to speak. See notes above.

### **Youth Service League Report**

- No new recruits since the pandemic but now starting back up
- Will begin to visit schools next week to recruit 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Annual retreat will be held Friday, May 27 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Bethelwoods but will not be spending the night

### **ACES & Resilience Task Force Report**

- No report

### **Ambassadors' Meeting Report**

- No Report

### **New Business**

- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner invitations will be mailed soon
  - Volunteer dinner will be held June 14 at the Sports and Events Center
- Discussion of resources in community, NAMI website and van for when needed unexpectedly (man at Fewell Park)
  - Young adults are more comfortable with online counseling and therapy due to the privacy it gives over going to a clinic
    - Betterhelp.org
- Sarah has been working with Hospice and Community Care
  - 2 family bereavement groups have been held – divided into kids and adult groups
  - A Zoom drop-in group is being put together for launch in the summer as another outreach for families and kids
  - A recent video has gone out from Sarah geared towards teachers and supporting them and providing resources on what to say and how to help students
  - Parent Academies have gone well
    - One geared towards teachers is in the works
    - The format will be a podcast

The Mental Health Summit will take the place of the June meeting. There will be no July meeting. August's meeting will be held August 29 at Fewell Park and will serve for both August and September (due to school starting back and Labor Day.)

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Reed