

City of Sammamish

SAMMAMISH YOUTH BOARD

Meeting Summary

October 30, 2003

6:00-7:30 PM. Sammamish Library

Present

Adults Volunteers: Lynne Handlos, City of Sammamish
Cindy Claypool, KCLS

Guests: Officer Stan Chapin (Sammamish Police), Tim “The Man” (YMCA), Tayla (YMCA Youth in Government)

New Business

1. Another icebreaker started off the meeting, allowing everyone to get their “pre-Halloween jumpsies” out. The icebreaker was called Do You Love Your Neighbor.
2. Guests were introduced and acknowledged.
 - a. Stan Chapin spoke to the board about a possible Respect manual between the police and teens in Sammamish, similar to the one created by Kirkland Youth Council. The manual would allow for both city authorities and city youth to know one another’s rights, responsibilities, and expectations.
 - b. Tim (the Man) from the YMCA spoke on several topics. He talked about after-school skate sessions that have been taking place at Skate Farm West in Renton. If you are interested, contact Tim. He also discussed a second Spring Extravaganza, which would be a huge springtime event in collaboration with Kiwanis, possibly Residence East, and other groups. The event could include booths, a raffle, an egg hunt, and live entertainment. A sign-up sheet was passed around, and interested volunteers are encouraged to contact Tim.
 - c. Tayla came to promote Youth in Government. This program is basically a mock legislation for teens across the state. It includes writing bills, learning proper procedures, and community service, and it concludes with an end-of-the-year event in Olympia. Youth in Government meets every Monday at 5 PM at the YMCA (Trinity Lutheran College).
3. Committee Updates!
 - a. Andrea spoke for the Programs committee. In their last meeting, they discussed possible events for the coming SYB year. Ideas included a holiday celebration (see schedule for details) and a possible spring sports festival. They also expressed interest in changing last year’s 847 Decibels concert into an event more logical for Sammamish, such as an open mike night, talent show, etc. Lastly, Andrea emphasized Bingo Night, and how it should be done again because it was a great way to promote SYB and connect with area families.
 - b. Paul spoke for the Community Service committee. He also discussed possible events for the year. The Haunted House at Safeway was scratched because of fire hazards, but a Community Carnival (as Tim discussed) was agreed to be a good idea. Lastly, SYB is going to continue Margaret Ullman’s senior project of

reading to senior citizens. Two dates have already been set – November 24th and January 26th, both at 3:30 (meet at City Hall at 3:00). Three to five volunteers are needed for each time.

- c. Asiya spoke for the City Liaison committee. She told the Board about the committee's meeting with Sammamish Police Officers. They talked with Officer Chapin, Officer Bates, and Officer Williams about the Respect manual (see above), including ideas for the manual, and possible funding.
4. Other Updates
 - a. The LWSD Superintendent meetings with Dr. Saul are a very effective way to discuss issues regarding school. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - b. The Partners in Prevention team had a very interesting and inspiring retreat. It was on a much bigger scale than last year, and so the team was able to attend many conferences and seminars on great ways to abstain from negative influences, such as drugs, alcohol, tobacco, street racing (?), etc. They expressed ideas of a possible King County-wide youth council, as well.
 - c. Ty gave the board an update on the Issaquah Youth Board. They recently had a Halloween dance that was quite successful. They are also planning to use money they raised during Salmon Days on upcoming events. However, these events are still in the planning stages.
 - d. Lynne updated us on the Parks Board meeting. Scott Yamamura, a pro skater, has been brought in to help with the designing of a skate park that would be connected to the new city center (across from Skyline) in Sammamish. The board got the opportunity to look at the blueprints, and it looks very cool. The process is moving along!
 - e. A Sammamish Recreation Guide was given to board members. The large and aesthetically pleasing packet gives information on activities and recreational opportunities in Sammamish, including SYB! The guide was funded by the City of Sammamish, and it will be distributed to all residents, schools and public buildings in Sammamish.
 - f. Where to Care is another pamphlet that was distributed to the board. Its purpose is to create awareness and inform youth of volunteer opportunities; "A Comprehensive Resource of Information for Teens About Volunteering."
 5. Upcoming Events were discussed (see upcoming events sheet for details).
 6. Everyone broke up into their respective committees for a brief planning session.
 7. Debrief
 - a. City Liaisons set a meeting date for Tuesday, November 4th from 4-5 at city hall to discuss the RESPECT manual. They will discuss possible funding and will work on getting a grant for the manual. They may also create a care package for a local family whose house was destroyed in the California fires.
 - b. Community Service set a meeting date for November 12th from 3-4 at city hall to discuss the Senior Reading project.
 - c. Programs set a meeting date for Tuesday November 4th from 3-4 at city hall to discuss bingo nights.
 - d. **IMPORTANT NOTE: LEADERSHIP MEETINGS ARE NOW AT 2:20.**
 8. Dismissed! Next meeting November 20th, 2003.