

Darien Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Krista Carnes, Greg Geraci, Laura Hyatt, Christina Kreuz, Danielle Paccione, Fritts Johnson, Ava Mohr, Liam Tomaszewski, Youth Director Alicia Sillars

- YC Vacancies – discussion on student recruitment
- Wrap-up of past programs
 - Despite challenges with space, DYC Summer Camp program was an overwhelming success; discussion of alternative/closer field trip destinations was discussed. Having St. John’s preschool for the youngest program was critically helpful. Revenues \$45,475 over originally budgeted.
 - MSSAP was able to accommodate more than the originally anticipated 30 participants per week. Use of Depot was good but was minimal. Revenues \$2,186 over originally budgeted.
- Fall line-up
 - TOPS Program...currently 77 6th grade members; 64 7th grade members; 49 8th grade members. Program content amended this year, eliminating the events that have seen participant decline over recent years. New event for 6th grade is a bus trip from the Depot to BETA Indoor Rock climbing. Tokeneke Fair Night will be for both the 7th & 8th grade members this year.
 - The DYC is partnering with the Depot on a new event – the Campardy Game Show Challenge. This will be open first and foremost to club members at the Depot with some consideration being given to opening it to all MMS students
 - Movie at Highland Farms – 10/6/23 – YC Members chose The Super Mario Bros film
 - Halloween Window Painting Contest – 10/21/23 – no action
 - Drive-thru food Drive w/P2P – Members chose 11/4/23 as date with rain date of 11/11/23
 - Community Involvements
 - Mather Senior Center – members support continuing the partnership with MSC – wreaths, hearts, baskets, etc.
 - New event discussion – members decided to bring back the Darien Dash.