



YOUTH MATTERS

A subcommittee of the Chilliwack Child and Youth Committee

**Meeting Minutes
(March 13th, 2014)**

Co-Chairs: Collette Bohach (BBBS) and Natalie Karam (CSCL)

Recorder: Natalie Karam

Present: Collette Bohach, Steve Andrews, Kevin Craig, Natalie Karam, Cathy Priebisch, Michelle Reilly, Bill Williams, Kathryn Plotnikoff, Patricia Anderson, Julie Pariseau, Brandy Carlo, Christy, Raina Siou, Salvina Sharp, Karen Steegstra

Regrets: Marie Amos, Jan McAlpine

Welcome & Introductions

Updates

1. ***CYC – Conversation on Chilliwack’s Children (April 4th, 2014 @ City Life Church)*** – it is on a Professional Development Day.

- Youth Engagement Presentation (Youth Matters Challenge Day) – 10-12 minute presentation. The Challenge Day Presentation will be mostly facilitated by Youth.
- Youth want to make a video...showing a Challenge Day Clip, and then interviewing other Youth who have gone through Challenge Day. The video will be filmed on Friday, March 14th, 2014.
- Honorarium – (\$150.00) for youth presenters.
 - Ask the Youth what they’d like to do with the funds. (ie: pizza party, put it back towards Challenge Day).
- Registration open – www.childandyouth.com

2. ***Update on application for Middle School Challenge Day***

- Application was submitted on Feb. 24th, 2014

3. ***Funding and Finances for Challenge Day***

Banking – YM account...Dan Bibby (Co-Chair of the CYC Committee) supported the Youth Matter’s Committee having our own account.

- Signing Authorities for the Account will be Collette B, Natalie K & Karen S.
- Brandy and Bill are willing to be signing authorities on the account.
- Left over funds from previous year (approx. \$4000.00) Decision about where we should use the funds.

Ideas suggested by Committee Members:

- Construct a letter to the high schools and see what projects they are working on.
- Assign \$500.00 - 1000.00 to be divided up to the three schools.
- Remaining amount should be put towards the upcoming Challenge Day.
- Putting the funds towards hiring someone to organize and plan Challenge Day.

Decision:

- **Assign \$150.00 to each of the three High Schools.**
- **Kathryn will ask the Ed. Centre if they have a Be The Change Committee.**
- **Create a form and ask the Be the Change Committees in the schools if they were given \$150.00 from Youth Matter’s what would they use the funds for.**



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Grants- Should we have a committee in charge of grants to work together? We need individuals to write grants?

- Cathy P, Steve A, Natalie K, Collette B willing to research various grants that would be applicable.
- Steve, Natalie & Collette → Will research various grants.
- Raina Siou forwarded a document on various Grants to apply for (Canadian Subsidy Directory 2014)

- Letter to previous funders asking if they are willing to support us again (School District, MCFD, Service clubs etc.)

ACTION: Natalie taking the lead on this and write a letter to previous funders/supports.

Cathy P mentioned that Pam Pederson (owner of Big O Tires) is interested in Challenge Day and helping to seek funds from local businesses for the upcoming Challenge Day.

ACTION: Send Challenge Day Report to all Youth Matter's Committee Members.

Action Items

1. Thank-you cards to community supporters – funders- Not completed (Natalie sending list to Karen Steegstra)
2. **Middle schools invited to Challenge Day – Completed and all schools on board.**

Committed

Rosedale
Vedder
Stolo
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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1st, 2014 @ Mathieson Centre (9:00am-10:30am)