



Franklin Township
Advisory Recreation Council
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019
Community / Senior Center
6:00pm
Minutes

In Attendance: Bill Gallagher, Nancy Sayre, Keith Stewart, John Moon, Carl Wright, Percy Sanders and Venkateshan Pundi

Absent: Elois Taylor, Govind Seshadri and Lewis Hurd

Staff: Alice Osipowitz and Dan Reeve

Call to order: Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Ms. Sayre to approve the Dec. 12, 2018 minutes as presented, Mr. Sanders abstained, all others in favor, motion carried.

Committee Annual Re-Organization: Mr. Stewart reviewed the Advisory Recreation Council structure and discussion ensued around the officer positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Moon and seconded by Mr. Sanders to appoint Mr. Stewart as Advisory Recreation Council Chair for 2019 and Ms. Sayre for Vice Chair for 2019, all others in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Stewart to appoint Mr. Gallagher as Advisory Recreation Council Secretary for 2019, all others in favor, motion carried.

2019 Meeting Dates: A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Moon to accept the 2019 Advisory Recreation Council meeting dates and times as presented, all others in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Sanders to open the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

See that there are no public comments, a motion was made by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Ms. Sayre to close the meeting to the public, all others in favor, motion carried.

Superintendents Report

Mr. Reeve presented the 2019 Summer Program and Camp Fees. Summer camp fees will increase \$200 to include trips for all campers. All campers (including fee waived registrations) will be required to pay a minimum payment of \$200. We will also be implementing a payment plan option to help guardians cover the camp fee. All other program fees have generally stayed consistent with 2018 pricing.

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Ms. Sayre to approved all presented fees for 2019 summer programs, all others in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approved all presented fees for summer camp 2019, all others in favor, motion carried.

New for 2019 will be a Summer Teen Travel Camp for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. This camp will run for (2) one week sessions at a cost of \$300 per week. Trips are not finalized but may include Great Adventure, Medieval Times, Boardwalk, Aquarium and community service projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Moon to approved presented fee for summer Teen Travel Camp for 2019, all others in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Reeve and Ms. Osipowitz reviewed the current fee waiver process and protocol. Discussion ensued. Fee waiver process will be further discussed at the March meeting.

PROGRAM UPDATE

PLAY Basketball Program – a four week basketball program for pre-school children using smaller balls and lower baskets. In addition to the fundamental skills of dribbling, passing and shooting the children engage in activities to improve their eye-hand coordination, reaction time, balance and footwork. (25 children)

Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 7, 2018

Approximately 300 residents attended the annual tree lighting ceremony. Following the outdoor ceremony residents entered the Community Center for refreshments, entertainment, and children's games and craft activities.

Holiday Giving Tree – Township residents donated items for the Franklin Township Food Bank, the Center for Great Expectations and Operation Jersey Cares (for military personnel). Donations totaled close to \$2,400.

Hip Hop Dance – 15 children from ages 3-7 have joined the dance program presented by the Somerset County YMCA. Classes are held at the Community Center on Monday nights.

Young Rembrandts is running elementary drawing and cartooning classes at the Community Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings. They have 11 participants in the 5-12 year old age group.

FTYC Committee Program Planning

- Holiday Party – December 18, 2018
- Diversity – Cultural Coffeehouse – December 14, 2018
 - A showcase of talent and fashion show. Attendance 25.
- Education - Family Game Night – December 15, 2018
 - Parent/child team competition on giant board games.
 - Cancelled due to low enrollment. Would like to run at CARE program.
- Environmental – Fire Escape! – January 12, 2019
 - The focus of this event was fire safety. Ten children in grades 3-5 participated in an escape room where their success was based on correctly solving fire safety riddles. The children also had the opportunity to tour a fire truck, interview firefighters and EMT's and experienced the Smoke House.
- Health & Wellness – Operation Be'you'tiful - January 18, 2019
 - Participants created a vision board, made a sugar scrub, participated in a Zumba class and a Girls Circle. Stacy Hale and 2 co-workers spoke on self-confidence, self-esteem and their personal experiences. They also discussed influence that friends have and benefits of surrounding yourselves with positivity.
- Youth & Community – Senior Games – January 19, 2019
 - Game shows travel to assisted living center.
- Therapeutic – Stuffed with Love – January 25, 2019
 - Decorated pillowcases and filled with toys & books for Ronald McDonald House

FTYC Volunteer Activities

- Friday Night Drop In – Martial Arts – Young Adult Therapeutic program
- Hot Shot Basketball – Skills clinics for children in grades K-2
- FAST – Fitness And Social Time – Adult Therapeutic program

Senior Citizen Programs

- December was filled with holiday parties and special programs
- Shop Rite Dietician presented to the Parkside Club on the topic of Healthy Eating on a Budget.
- All three clubs celebrated the holidays with parties.

- On December 13th we ran a “Give Back Program” that used old holiday cards donated by the seniors to construct placemats which were delivered to the Somerset County Meals on Wheels Program. 150 placemats were created by 17 participants.
- January 16th the seniors had free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Screenings done by St. Peter’s Community Health Program.
- January 17th we hosted “An Illustrated Lecture by Historian Marty Schneit”. He lectured on Irving Berlin. Approximately 70 seniors attended this program, and continue to discuss how much they enjoyed it. This program was brought to us for free by a grant from the Jewish Community Center of Middlesex County.
- January 30th Home Instead Senior Care presented on Senior Scams. 30 seniors packed the Craft Room.
- Thursday Walking Club started. Each week we walk at Bridgewater Mall and used Somerset County Transportation. We have 9-12 registered each week and will continue until it is warm enough to walk in the parks.

Youth Basketball

- Boys & Girl Basketball Leagues started in January at the following sites:
- Hamilton Street Campus - Boy’s Jr. with 6 teams, and Boy’s Int. with 6 teams.
- Sampson G. Smith Campus – The Girls have 4 teams in the League.
- FYI Open Basketball has 40 participants signed up for the program, with registration ongoing.
 - One hour of skills & drills, and one hour of open play.

Teen Recreation

111 participants are signed up for program, with registration ongoing. The following activities were done in December:

- Five on Five Basketball games
- Knock out Basketball Games with the winners receiving Basketball Medals
- Basketball Skills & Drills
- Volleyball Games
- Guest Speaker Officer Reid from the Franklin Police Dept.
- The Franklin Twp. Local PBA 154 sponsored the Holiday party for the participants on December 20th.

FYI Boys Mentoring Program (Franklin Middle School)

17 participants are signed up for the program, with registration ongoing.

The following topics have been covered in December:

- Dealing with Anger
- Managing Peer Pressure
- Clarifying Values
- The Franklin Twp. Local PBA 154 sponsored the Holiday party for the participants
- Compassion
- Fairness
- Self-discipline
- Acceptance

FYI Boys Mentoring Program (Sampson G. Smith)

17 participants are signed up for the program, with registration ongoing. The first hour of the program is a study hall with a teacher assigned from the school to support the members. The following topics have been covered in December:

- What is Boys Council
- Why do we need to get an education
- The Franklin Twp. Local PBA 154 sponsored the Holiday party for the participants
- Compassion
- Fairness
- Self-discipline
- Acceptance

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Summer Camp Registration – Feb. 27
- On February 19th the students from the Hillcrest School “Pitch Perfect Performers” will perform for the Franklin Township Senior Club.
- February 21st is our Grand Opera Event at 1:00PM. Somerset Woods is hosting a light reception afterwards. To date, we have 60 seniors registered and I anticipate more seniors to sign up this week.
- February 28th is our Lunch and Learn presented by a financial advisor from Merrill Lynch. This information session will discuss the 2018 Tax Reform, contribution limits, and estate planning techniques for participants to reach their retirement goals.

Directors Report

- There is a Franklin Township Youth Center update meeting scheduled on March 20th at 7:30pm.
- Ms. Osipowitz will add the following agenda items to the March 2019 meeting agenda:
 - Middlebush Park Restroom Access
 - Concession stand policies / minimum age for servers
 - Non-Profit status / 501(c)3 registered in Franklin
 - Youth Sports Coaches Training Updates
 - Rec Council Projects
 - Program site visits and evaluation
 - Park site visits / inspections
 - Event participation

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Adjourn

A motion was made by Ms. Sayre and seconded by Mr. Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm , all others in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Reeve
Superintendent of Recreation