

**Youth Service Commission
Minutes
January 27th, 2021**

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Meeting Called to Order: L. Monetti called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

Roll Call: Council Member W. Robinson (P); L. Delventhal (A); R. Pepe (P); G. Alexis (P); K. Kidd (P); D. Fichner; (P); N. DiTota (P); D. Chiu (A) L. Monetti (P); Detective J. Moberly (P); County Rep. M. Sprague (P)

Reorganization of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer

L. Monetti mentioned the Commission was established to identify the communities needs for their at risk students. The responsibilities of each appointment was discussed. G. Alexis made a motion to designate R. Pepe as Chairperson, all were in favor. M. Sprague suggested that L. Monetti continue to support the commission as Secretary and Treasurer as well as take on the role of Vice-Chairperson. All were in favor.

Input/Discussions: The Commission discussed the virtual programs that were approved and have not yet been implemented due to the modifications necessary to run the programs virtually. R. Pepe mentioned the school plans to run the approved programs this spring.

A proposal for the Competitive Grant was submitted to the county in the amount of \$5,599.09 to cover the cost of running a *Girls Who Code* program. M. Sprague informed the Commission members about the required guidelines. K. Kidd explained how the *Girls Who Code* program is designed to bridge the gender gap for the computer sciences and build coding leadership skills. She mentioned the program will be available to 3rd through 8th graders and there is no cap on registrations so anyone interested can participate as the program will be offered virtually. G. Alexis mentioned that the expansion of computer science at the high school has had a large participation rate which will likely continue. A final determination will be made for the approval of the Competitive Grant at the next County meeting scheduled for February 9th.

K. Kidd mentioned TREPS came out with a new virtual program and that POE (Pursuit of Excellence) was also modified to run virtually. Programs will be offered to students for before and after school and will be starting on February 8th for Bayberry and Valley View School students.

K. Kidd questioned the possibility of offering a summer program to expend some of the available funds. M. Sprague stated that the commission can present a new program or a continuation of a program by submitting a revised budget sheet.

Treasurer report: A balance of \$67.15 remains in the Donation account.

As programs were modified to run virtually and were not ready to be offered in the fall of 2020 a total of \$10,610.68 remains in the Annual Grant account at this time.

J. Moberly mentioned that the PBA may be able to make a donation to help with funding a program if there is a need.

Next Meeting Schedule: March 10th, 2021

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Linda Monetti

Recording Secretary