

**Commission on the Status of Children & Youth**  
**March 21st, 2023**  
**5:30pm**

**Present:** Danielle Willis, Erin Reynolds, Katie Hopkins, Tatiana Wheeler

**Absent:** Emily Alford

**1. Introductions**

Katie made a motion to start the meeting at 5:37pm. Tatiana seconded the motion.

**2. Request for additional agenda items**

There weren't any additional items to add to the agenda.

**3. Approval of Minutes: Feb 21**

Katie made a motion to approve the minutes. Erin seconded the motion.

**4. New Business**

A. There wasn't any new business.

**5. Old Business**

Shatoiya reminded the group that each commissioner is tasked with chairing one that the commission hosts.

A. **Update Brochure:** Tatiana will be working with Liz, one of Shatoiya's interns, to update the commission's brochure in March and early April.

B. **Update Website:** Liz and Tatiana will work on updating it. We found out we have 3 new commissioners. Toiya will reach out to them. Katie mentioned in a previous commission meeting we discussed adding past SWAGGER award winners, info on commissioners, and events on our website. The commission likes how the Commission on the Status of Black Males website is laid out. Tatiana will inform Liz on what the commission is wanting on the website. The group decided we would like Liz's help to update the main commission page and create a google site for our programs. Toiya will need a new URL for the google site.

C. **Commissioner Name Tags:** Shatoiya notified the group that she is still waiting on our name tags.

- D. **S.W.A.G.G.E.R. Awards:** The group has decided to host this event on Oct 6th, 2023. Katie informed the group that is okay with chairing S.W.A.G.G.E.R awards.
- E. **Tabling the MCSC Open Houses:** Open houses occur mid-end of August. They should occur the 2nd and 3rd week. The group is planning to look at the list of schools and delegate which commissioner is attending which schools. By the time of the open house we need to make sure that the nomination form, press release, donor letters, vendors, and budget are completed.

Danielle mentioned she has kids at Arlington Heights and Tri-North Middle school. She is willing to table at those schools. Katie mentioned the idea of prioritizing tabling at Title 1 schools: Fairview, Templeton, Highland Park, and Arlington Height. Tatiana mentioned that we can maybe have two commissioners per school.

The group decided they want to make this conversation a priority at the April commission meeting.

- F. **Schools Out Summer Celebration:**  
Erin reached out to the Crestmont Club and they wanted more information. Tatiana talked to Sherrie Clay recently, and she told Tatiana about some events they host for Cresmont kids and families. Tatiana mentioned how this might be a partnership to look into.
- G. **Teen Round Table:**  
The commission discussed changing this initiative into creating spots on the commission for teen representation. We should create a form of expectation for teen liaisons. We need to think about what the commission would like/expect from these liaisons. We also need to think about what we want students to get out of being a liaison.
- Toiya mentioned how the commission should start thinking about people targeting specific age groups. (Maybe two commissioners per age group.) The commission can discuss how we want to define age groups/grade levels.
- H. **YPB initiatives:** Toiya mentioned how this initiative is in limbo. She is waiting to see what the new administration decides.

## **6. City Staff Liaison Report**

- A. Juneteenth- June 17th inside pavilion at Switchyard Park. Free food and music.
- B. Two Youth Summits
  - Young Men Leadership Summit Thursday Sept 14th.
  - Young Women Leadership Summit Thursday November 9th
  - Volunteers are always welcome.

## **7. Community Updates**

Tatiana informed the group that Heading Home of South Central Indiana is hosting a Mayoral Candidate Forum on March 28th at 7pm. This candidate forum will be taking place at the Boys and Girls Club Crestmont Location. This forum will be focused on low income housing and homelessness. You can register for the forum here: [Bloomington Mayoral Candidate Forum 2023 Tickets. Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite.](#)

The New Hope Gala will be happening on April 14th. Tickets are \$130.

Katie informed the group that Thriving Connections has an event happening Thursday March 30th on St. Marks Methodist Church from 6-8pm. Thriving Connections will also be having a Spring Fling April 15th 12-3pm.

## **8. Adjournment**

- A. Katie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Erin seconded the motion.