

## **Miami-Dade County Youth Commission Minutes: 12/20/2012**

Chairman Jude Bruno called the meeting to order at 4:18pm.  
Parliamentarian Anyssa Chebbi led the moment of silence and called roll.

Present:

Brenda Abreu-Molnar  
Jude Bruno  
Cesar Castillo  
Anyssa Chebbi  
Isis Clark  
Christoper Fisk Kolychkin  
Emily Freeman  
Leon Fussell  
Natalia Gonzalez  
Kathia Rizarry-Munoz  
Nicklaus Matos  
Ambar Mesa  
Morgan Owens  
Estrella Quiroz  
Lina Rojas  
Jacob Stern  
Daniel Tirado  
Haley Zilberberg

Excused Absence:

Walford Campbell  
Naomie Delva  
Michael Ivory  
Virginia Lafontant  
Ashley Sanchez  
Shakira Santos

Unexcused Absence:

Stephanie Gastelu  
Liljuan Gonzalez  
Cynthia Larroque  
Ivonee Logo  
Daniela Nunez  
Stephanie Pardinias Liuzzi

Secretary Emily Freeman announced that the minutes were emailed ahead of time. The minutes were approved as emailed.

Jude Bruno announced the Florida Youth Commission. The Miami-Dade County Youth Commission is requesting Youth Commissioners to apply. Please see the emails sent out for more information.

Natalia Gonzalez explained the Trayvon Martin Press Conference that herself, Leon Fussell and Isis Clark attended. They all spoke about the summit the Youth Commission will hopefully be partnering with and our stance on the trial at the press conference.

Two resolutions that the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission passed were passed and approved for Miami-Dade County. Both I-Prep Math and the Bond Referendum.

Emily Freeman moved to set the agenda, Brenda Abreu-Moldnar 2nded.

Chairman Report: Jude Bruno explained that all Youth Commissioners must be reading and responding to all emails. The clerk of courts, Daniel Tirado will be sending attendance records to all County Commissioners on their Youth Commissioner's attendance.

Vice Chairman Report: There was no report.

Secretary Report: Emily Freeman asked if everyone was receiving emails to ensure that all are able to see the minutes and make corrections.

Historian Report: Brenda Abreu-Molnar asked everyone to submit Induction photographs and newsletter information.

Parliamentarian Report: There was no report.

JSD Liaison Report: Ms. Garcia encouraged Youth Commissioners to apply to the Florida Youth Commission and spoke on the Trayvon Martin Press Conference.

Aide from Commissioner Barbara Jordan's Office, Rochelle Boreland, gave her cell phone number for the Youth Commissioner's use if needed: (786)473-0907. She also discussed the Installation Ceremonies. Possible months to consider are August or October—but a set month should be chosen. Recruitment should be an ongoing process.

Public Service Education Committee: Plans on helping with Law Week in May by organizing an event for youth and to explain the Dream Act

to students, making a National Poison Awareness Week PSA, and hold forums for International Day for Racial Elimination Day.

Advocacy and Legislation Committee: Three town hall meetings will be planned, one in the south, central, and north. Dates will be finalized once we have checked with locations. The agenda shall be composed of

- \*Commissioner Welcome
- \*What's the Youth Commission?
- \*Youth Commission Update/Events
- \*Pannel Discussion
- \*Q&A Forum
- \*Raffle

The committee has requested \$275 from the budget to purchase gift cards and raffle tickets. However, Rochelle Boreland confirmed that the budget cannot cover gift cards, thus the committee would need these donated.

Special Events and Logistics Committee: Events will be as follows.  
January 19: Make breakfast for Ronald McDonald House. Get donations for the breakfast materials, spearheaded by Estrella Quiroz.  
February 18: Childnet valentines party. Supplies to be donated.  
May 1: Teen court event, have Youth Commission lead a workshop, spearheaded by Natalia Gonzalez.  
April 13: Reading to children at a library, spearheaded by Anyssa Chebbi.  
May/June: Bike activity/Zumba/Healthy Lifestyle---\$5,000 to \$10,000 needed.

Public Relations and Marketing Committee: Requested everyone respond about the Newsletter questions. They will be updating the brochure and also redoing the mission statement this year.

Executive Committee: everyone please respond to emails.

There was no unfinished business.

Emily Freeman announced a Walk-A-Thon that District XIII 4-H Council (composed of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties) is hosting at Florida Christian School on February 23 from 9-12. All Youth Commissioners are encouraged to attend. This event is entirely to raise money for Feed My Starving Children, an organization that packs meals and ships them to children in 3rd world countries who have absolutely no food

The event will be a 5k in order to raise money and support. To register, please go to [ayearwithouthunger.com](http://ayearwithouthunger.com), scroll down to Team Rank, find "4-H District XIII Council", and click JOIN TEAM! There is a minimum donation of \$5, however, everyone was encourage to donate more if able!! The organization is based in Minnesota, however, they will be in Miami-Dade County on January 11-13 for a mobile packing event at the fair grounds. 4-H wants to raise as much money as possible BEFORE that date, to donate the money while they are still in our backyard. If you are not able to attend, but still would like to donate money, please follow the instructions above, but instead of selecting Join Team, scroll down to the name, "Emily Freeman" click it, and donate to her page, all money will be donated to the organization Feed My Starving Children. 4-H's goal is 100 participants and \$2,000. They are off to a great start, but no where near the end goal! All Youth Commissioners were encouraged to promote it in their school and all across the county.

Jacob Stern introduced a resolution of Drugs and Alcohol, as requested by Commissioner Heyman. There is no specific program designed, just an idea as a program to discourage drinking and drugs. This would be one program introduced in all of the schools. Jacob will bring more information as received. Please email him any suggestions and he will forward them to Commissioner Heyman. Cesar Castillo moved to support this resolution and Chris Fisk 2nded.

Emily Freeman proposed an amendment to the bylaws in two different formats. The amendments are reproduced below in red.

**Proposal #1.**

Article III, Section 4: Change to read: "Officers and Duties. There shall be six officers of the Executive Committee consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Historian, and Treasurer. Their duties are as follows:"

Insert a Subsection 6 and change the current Subsection 6 to Subsection 7. The new Subsection 6 shall read: "The Treasurer shall keep record of all of the money that comes in or goes out of the Youth Commission. The Treasurer will not be responsible for signing any checks. At each Youth Commission meeting, the Treasurer shall announce all income and expenses, and what such income and expenses were. The Treasurer shall also announce how much money is left in the Youth Commission budget."

This amendment would create an office of Treasurer.

## **Proposal #2.**

Article III, Section 4, Subsection 3: Amend to read: “The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of Youth Commission actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of the minutes and the agenda to each Committee members, keep track of and announce all income and expenses from the Youth Commission and announcing what the income and expenses were as well as how much money remains in the budget at every meeting, and assuring that appropriate records are maintained. In the case that both the chairperson and the vice chairperson fail to attend a meeting, the secretary become the acting chairperson for that one meeting. If both the chairperson and the vice chairperson are unable to continue their positions, the secretary will oversee elections of a new chairperson and vice chairperson.

This amendment will add duties to the office of Secretary.

Jude Bruno temporarily delegated the office of Chairman to Jacob Stern. Jude, acting as a member and not the chair, moved to adopt proposal #2. Leon Fussell 2nded. Motion passed. Proposal #2 was added to the bylaws.

January 17, 2012 is the next MDCYC Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.