

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission was held on Monday May 21st, 2012 at the Don Hickman Building. The chairperson Jude Bruno called the meeting to order at 4:16 pm. The Secretary was absent. Emily Freeman acted as Secretary pro tem. The parliamentarian was absent. Ambar Mesa acted as Parliamentarian pro tem.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Ambar Mesa.

Roll Call: Taken by Ambar Mesa due to absence of Clarence Moore III.

Present: (Miss Garcia has the roll sheet)

Absences: (Miss Garcia has the roll sheet)

Excused Absence: (Miss Garcia has the roll sheet)

Quorum: Quorum was not called—Everything must be approved at next meeting.

Reading/Approval of minutes: Emily Freeman read the minutes. The front page of the minutes were from the March meeting not the April meeting and will be altered accordingly. Brenda moved to approve the minutes as altered, Cesar 2nded. Motion adopted.

Special Presentations: Cesar moved to add item 1G3: Missing Children Global Network. And 1G4: Introduction to the city of Hialeah Youth Advisory Board.

Item 1G1: Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T): Rochelle from the Miami-Dade Health Department discussed reducing smoking from teens by banning candy flavored tobacco products. 80% of smokers started younger than 18. There are over 200 S.W.A.T students within Miami-Dade County. Barbara Jordan created an Ordinance banning candy flavored tobacco from Miami-Dade County. The Office of Barbara Jordan discussed that it was appealed and brought to District Court. Miami-Dade County would be the first county in the state of Florida to pass such an ordinance. Youth Commissioners can email respective commissioners urging them to pass this ordinance.

Item 1G2: Christina Tassy spoke on Culture Shock Miami an organization that sells \$5 dollar tickets for all types of arts to educate students on the arts and serve as a way for youth to buy tickets. The organization is 7 years old. Tickets may be purchased at cultureshockmiami.com. They welcome our help in their meetings and have offered to help with our talent showcase. For any questions email Christina at cmt@miamidade.gov.

Unfinished Business:

Item 4A1 moved up: Office of Barbara Jordan discussed: Fundraising may not be allowed for the Youth Commission, however the Youth Commission should become a budget priority for the 2013-2014 budget year. We will be a budget priority so that we will for sure have funds instead of only a possibility because of fundraising. We can submit a budget for the '13-'14 year and then lobby commissioners.

Terms may be waived for Youth Commissioners in special instances.

National Center of Missing Children from Palm Beach has requested to meet with us.

Item 1G3: Armando Perez from Missing Children Global Network, an organization that works closely with National Center of Missing Children wants our feedback on how to locate missing children.

Item 1G4: City of Hialeah Youth Advisory Board: Been dormant for 18 years and has just restarted recently. Came to our meeting in order to learn more about parliamentary procedure. Created to make youth in Hialeah aware of what is going on.

Report of MDCYC Officers:

Item 2A1: Chairman Jude Bruno's report: There will be a second meeting in May in order to go over the report. Check meetings for updates on this. If anyone has thoughts/ideas for what to put into this report, please email Jude Bruno or Peter Ramon.

Item 2A2: Liaison Report: Brochures are completed and ready for final review. If there are any referrals for recruitment for

next year's Youth Commission please let Ms. Jeanette know. The televised meeting is scheduled for June 14th; Ms. Jeanette will confirm. Meeting is to begin at 3, but everyone is to arrive at 2 wearing MDCYC red shirt.

Item 5A1 moved up:

Alejandro Morenoe showed a draft of a resolution he created regarding a media attack on Reagan/Doral Senior High School. An article was posted saying that the school is rampant with drugs, violence, sex, homosexual sex, bullying, rapes, bad security and that the school ignores the issues. Alejandro assured that the school is aware that slight drug issues occur (just as with most schools) but that the school does completely address the issue. Since 2009, only 10 cases of drug arrests have been noted. Cesar Castillo moved to convene the committee as a whole. Peter Ramon 2nded. Motion adopted. Cesar said the proposed resolution should be altered to have nothing against the reporter and should just encourage the school. Barbara Jordan's office said to add data to the resolution and keep it less personal. Ambar Mesa proposed having a press release. If anyone has amendments to Alejandro's resolution, please contact him.

Report of Committees:

Item 3B1:

Public Relations, Communication, and Marketing Committee: The first newsletter issue will be an introduction. Everyone is to make a personal bio in about 1/4th of a page space and get it to the committee by June 8th. Newsletter subscriptions will be on the website.

New Business:

Item 5A2:

Jude Bruno moved to remove Clarence Moore III as parliamentarian because he has not responded to emails or phone calls. Anyssa Chebbi 2nded. The following dates are when Clarence Moore III attended: October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th. He did not attend December 19th, January 19th, February 16th, March 26th, and April 19th. The following vote was taken to remove Clarence Moore III as Parliamentarian:

Brenda Abreu-Molinar: abstain

Jude Bruno: yes

Giancarlo Casiano: yes

Cesar Castillo: abstain

Anyssa Chebbi: yes

Emily Freeman: yes

Leon Fussell: yes
Cynthia Larroque: yes
Ambar Mesa: abstain
Alejandro Moreno: abstain
Stephanie Pardinis: abstain
Peter Ramon: yes
Ashley Sanchez: yes
Jacob Stern: abstain

Motion was tabled. Jude Bruno suspended Michael Barrios Priviledge to vote at the televised meeting.'

Item 5A3: The annual report: send Jude Bruno anything to go into the annual report. There will be no guest speakers at the next meeting in order to focus on the report.

Item 5A4: Recruitment onto next year's Youth Commission: Let Jude know if you would like to be reappointed onto the Youth Commission and send respective Commissioners emails about reappointment. Before recommending anyone into the Youth Commission, review guidelines in the Ordinance.

Item 6A1: "Listen Up" was moved until next meeting.

Additional Announcements: Because the Youth Commission is an advisory board; it is recommended not to become involved in a county campaign.

Jude Bruno suggested changing the color of the Youth commission T-Shirts. Youth Commissioners should chose a new color on the facebook page.

Please email Anyssa Chebbi dates and addresses of when/where/the amount of items to be picked up for Homeless Youth Project and email Brenda any pictures taken. The final deadline is June 1st.

Everyone is to review the bylaws for voting at the next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm by Jude Bruno.