

Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting
Monday July 27, 2015
6:30 pm at Recreation and Aquatic Facility

Attendees:

Brittany Howard (Chair), Bob Langford (Vice Chair), Dean Caffentzis (Secretary), Gina Marie DiGregorio,
Veronica Lucas, Brittaney Palumbo

Doreen Summers, City Liaison

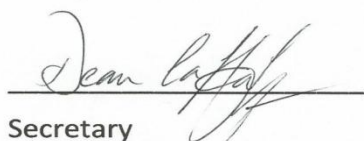
The Chair opened the meeting with a discussion on holding game night for teens. Doreen also agreed that and that younger ages also welcome and that the library would be an accessible location for holding the event. The Chair advised to limiting the gaming to sports and music primarily. Another activity mentioned was a music night for local bands. Doreen said that special permission may be required for library to hold the event as this would require the library facilities to be open after hours.

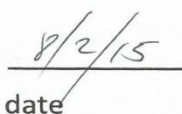
The Chair motioned that the CAC sponsor suicide prevention events in coordination with public agencies and/or organizations. The Vice Chair volunteered contacting intervention agencies to help coordinate the event. The Chair further motioned that the CAC take on the function of sponsoring an event with the date TBD. The Secretary promoted the idea of contacting Congressman Gus Bilirakis, who sponsored a bill that passed addressing the special needs of veterans with PTSD. Doreen advised the Congressman could be invited as the guest speaker for the event. The Chair also suggested holding a field day at Gill dog's with proceeds going towards suicide prevention. The Vice Chair stated that event can be handled through Bay Care. The Pasco Sheriff's office, suicide prevention task force was also mentioned as having more information about sponsoring the event. The Chair pointed out, however, that the Sheriff's office is all of Pasco County not just New Port Richey. Ann Marie – mentioned having CAC as participant in the World Suicide prevention day on September 10th. The Chair motioned to schedule an event on suicide prevention for next year with the when and where to be determined and possibly involve a nonprofit corporation.

New ideas and more input was recommended by Doreen for cultural affairs activities. The Secretary suggested anime as an art activity, Doreen advised that this activity is a scheduled activity at the library. The Secretary also recommended a positive message night that could incorporate solo, bands, poetry reading that would allow local talent of all ages to participate without regard to religious affiliation, however still maintain the theme of promoting a positive message. Doreen encouraged that the event should be held on the 2nd floor of the library where microphones, speakers and staging are readily available.

The Chair announced the departure of 2 members of the Cultural Affairs Committee; Debra and Jamar Stewart have resigned their positions on the board due to their relocation to Orlando. Doreen advises that this change moves the 2 alternate members of the CAC to regular members. With this move, Brittaney Palumbo and Veronica Lucas are now regular members and the Cultural Affairs Committee is now officially looking to fill 2 positions as alternate members.

Meeting adjourned.


Secretary


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