

**Rock Hill Commission for Children and Youth**  
**Monday, June 3, 2013**  
**Room 373, City Hall**  
**5:30 PM**

The Commission serves to enhance and promote the positive development of all children and youth through comprehensive collaborative action. The Commission will utilize all of the community's resources, public and private agencies, businesses, church and civic organizations, to promote the health, safety, education and social well being of all children and youth.

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Sue Lyman, John Sanders, Helen Patterson, Jenifer Crawford

**ABSENT:** Randy Deas, Toni Jones, Cindy Hunt, Robin Huffmon, Paula Gillman

**STAFF:** Katie Simmons, Patti Panetti, John Taylor

**CITIZEN**

**COMMENTS:** No comment

**Call to Order:**

**MINUTES:** Approved

**OLD**

**BUSINESS:** Youth Council Update

- The YC wrapped up the school year on Tuesday at the City Council meeting last week. Patti had the idea that they could come to a Commission meeting and present to the commission on what they have done throughout the year as well.
- They are taking applications for the new school year, and spots are just about full. We still need spots to be filled at South Pointe or Westminster Catawba.

Youth Service League Update

- The summer YSL had their parent meeting last week as well and got presented at the City Council meeting.
- We held our annual retreat for the new students in the program last weekend. 32 students participated in the retreat, and we have about 64 students total participating this summer. They will start their volunteering the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ambassador Update

- The ambassadors are continuing to work towards the mental health issue among children. The #1 Question newsletter was sent out last week, and there were 2 articles in the newsletter about mental health. Two of the panel members from the Summit are going to be on "Straight Talk" on WRHI

discussing mental health. The ambassadors are still discussing having another summit sometime in the fall.

ACHIEVE Update

- No update.
- Jenifer reported from the last meeting about the summer reading program, that we are no longer helping with a book drive. They have found a corporate sponsor. The question that everyone in the group left with was: “What can you do in your area of influence to encourage summer reading?” Garnet at Boyd Hill is partnering with Boyd Hill Baptist Church, taking children from the neighborhood to their summer reading program. This is a 5 week program, 4 days per week, for 2 hours per day.

**NEW  
BUSINESS:**

- Jenifer talked to the group about an event called “Countdown for Kindergarten.” August 9<sup>th</sup> is the date, and they are looking for organizations to volunteer at this event. Our job would be to serve as greeters for people who have questions. It will be held in the Kinch’s parking lot. The Children’s Museum will be open for free; different vendors will be on site to help families prepare their children to go to Kindergarten. Patti will talk to Beth Cooper at the Museum about getting volunteers.
- This week, Jenifer is going to the ATC to tour “First Book.” This is the Dolly Parton Library, but they don’t rent the books. They give you the books. She is going to just check out the scene and see if they can get books to hand out at Kindergarten event.

**ADDITIONAL  
COMMENTS:**

- No additional comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Garnet McKeown

cc: Mayor Doug Echols  
Ed Thompson

**QUESTIONS? Call Garnet McKeown at 329-5658**