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### **Youth Services & Education**

January 22, 2018, 7: 30 p.m.

Present: B. Bieder, L. Council, M. Davila, I. Guanill-Elukowich, J. Onwu, A. Ponder  
Absent: G. Curbelo, D. Krynicki, N. Sala, R. Sawyer, S. Woods  
Guests: J. Kuhl, Cents-Ability Program; K. Thomas, IMCR

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Bieder announced the winners of the Yankee Scholarship Leadership Awards: Beatrice Mettle, Equality Charter High School; Mohammed Bashar, Truman High School; Joel Gradanski, All Hallows High School; Jennifer-Lynn Colon, Preston High School and Olivia Mikayla Diaz, Preston High School.

As soon as checks are received from the Yankees, the students will be notified and presented the scholarships prior to a YSE meeting. The Board invites the Bronx Times Reporter, the full Board and the students' families to this meeting. On Community Board #10 Day at Yankee Stadium, which is still to be scheduled, the students are recognized on the field, along with a representative from the Youth Services Committee. Mr. Bieder asked for a volunteer which will be Dr. Ponder.

The Committee received two additional applications for the Scholars at Work Program which will be forwarded to the program's administrators. There are 4 received thus far and he would like to see more merchants participating. Ms. Guanill-Elukowich suggested that going to each merchant may produce more applications. The process closes on January 31, 2018 but Mr. Bieder is willing to send applications up until February 10, 2018. Programs starts at the end of February 28 and runs through April 20, 2018. All interns will be paid by the NYC Department of Education and covered by DOE insurance; employers are responsible for basically taking the student under his or her wing to show them their respective business for a total of 15 hours weekly.

Mr. Bieder noted that the scheduled speaker from SOBRO did not yet arrive so the meeting moved on to a request from an observer, Mr. Jake Kuhl, resident of Edgewater Park. Mr. Kuhl is interested in partnering with local schools to implement financial literacy workshops through the Cents-Ability non-profit program at which he is a volunteer. The program focuses primarily on schools outside of CB #10 and he would like to introduce it to the schools here. Students from grades 7 through 12 will be taught basic financial literacy, such as bank accounts, credit, student loans, etc. through onsite workshops. The website is <https://cents-ability.org>. Mr. Bieder suggested that Mr. Kuhl forward a flyer outlining the program which the Board Office can then send to its school distribution list. He also suggested reaching out the parent-teacher associations. Mr. Kuhl's phone number is 646-404-4951.

The scheduled speaker from SOBRO still did not arrive so the meeting moved on to another request from an observer, Ms. Kalica Thomas, Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution (IMCR) Center at 384 East 149<sup>th</sup> Street, website [www.imcr.org](http://www.imcr.org). Ms. Thomas said the mission of IMCR is to transform conflict through conversation by offering mediation and conflict resolution and training for students and adults.

### **New Business Items:**

Dr. Ponder, in his position as the National Action Network's Chair of HIV, noted that there is an increase of Hepatitis C in youth, a virus which affects the liver.

Jan. 24, 2018, 6-8 p.m. Coffee with a Cop at the Miles Coffee Shop on East Tremont Avenue.

Feb. 1, 2018, 7:30 p.m., 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be at St. Theresa's School with a special guest NYPD Commissioner O'Neill. All are welcome.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:10 p.m.