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EDUCATION / YOUTH / CULTURAL AFFAIRS & LIBRARIES

Thursday, April 7, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

- I) Attendance sheet in file
 - A) Welcome and Introductions were made by Acting Committee Chair, Ms. Adaline Walker-Santiago
- II) Presentation on Community Resources:
 - A) Bronx Library Center:
 - 1) The Library offers a variety of programs, such as Young Adult Literacy Programs
 - 2) Classes at the Bronx Library Center (310 E. Kingsbridge Road) for young adults ages 16-24 years-old. Classes are held 5 days per week for 11 weeks. Can re-enroll for up to 2 years
 - 3) The Library is seeking guest speakers
 - B) POE Center Information presented by Lucy Aponte, Director:
 - 1) The POE Center offers numerous Education, Youth Programs and Cultural Events
 - 2) There are free programs for all ages, such as Art, Meditation, Artistic, Performing Arts, Healthy Physical and individualized programs for schools in the community
 - C) Beauty from Ashes Urban Prophets Speaker, Ms. Lynette Arroyo, Director:
 - 1) Community performing Arts (Youth Program)
 - D) Big Brothers & Big Sisters of NYC:
 - 1) Join Councilmember Ritchie Torres, CB7 and the Metropolitan Bar Association in welcoming Big Brothers & Big Sisters of NYC to the Fordham Community for a after work
 - 2) Meet and greet to learn about the power of mentoring
 - (a) Date & Time: April 22nd, 2016 @ 6-8pm at the Library Center, located at 310 E. Kingsbridge Road
 - (b) RSVP by emailing Alize Beal at abeal@bigsnyc.org
 - 3) There is a need for adult mentors (over the age of 21), as there is now a waiting list of over 100 children in the Bronx seeking a mentor. Invite friends and relatives who may be interested in becoming a mentor for our youth
 - E) DYCD:
 - 1) Summer Youth Employment Program applications available
 - 2) Those between the Ages of 16-24 years old who apply will get a NYCID, which can be used as an official document
 - 3) Over 130,000 youth have applied for the 54,000 positions available
 - 4) For additional information, one can contact DYCD Youth Hotline 800-246-4646
 - F) 2016 Youth Police Academy Summer Program:
 - 1) This is 6-week summer program for youth ages 10-16, for 5 days a week from 8:30am – 2:00pm, which begins July 5th, 2016.
 - 2) Application deadline will be May 20th, 2016
 - G) Arch for Kids:
 - 1) Program was discussed in length by Vivian Carter, Norwood News



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- 2) This program partners with schools, libraries, museums, municipalities and cultural centers and community organizations to provide young people with engaging learning experiences in architecture, engineering, urban planning and design
- H) More 2 Learn (www.More2learnapp.com):
 - 1) This learning app gives children the tools to excel with educational learning games, vocabulary development, is a great tool for ESL and provides parents and educators freedom to compile a customized word list
- I) "I am My Community" presentation by Darney Rivers, Founder:
 - 1) For information, one can contact 929-385-4033
 - 2) Community based organization focusing on community empowerment
- III) Bailey Houses Presentation:
 - A) Education Committee Members voted in support of giving Bailey Houses a letter of support to go forward with their aspiration to have a community program for youth in their neighborhood at the RAIN Center
 - 1) MOTION:
 - (a) A letter of support to Bailey Houses to gain access to the RAIN Center after 3pm to support youth and family programming
- IV) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.