

**YOUTH BUILD
STEERING COMMITTEE SEP 28, 2010
MINUTES**

Present:

Mary Leidy, Emily Leidy, Barb Protacio, Rachel Protacio, Jake Robinson, Jimmy Livesay, Taylor Livesay, Reid Hasher, Jim Hasher, Graeme Wren, John Wren, Taylor Chandler, Sheila Johnson, Sherran Denkler

Co-Chair, Emily Liedy, called meeting to order. All present were introduced and new attendees welcomed.

Minutes: Emily read minutes of the last meeting. Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report: No activity

School Reports:

Rachel Protacio (Norfolk Academy) passed around a flyer she designed to include with her fundraising efforts. She will email a copy to everyone for their use. Barbara Protacio has spoken with Mrs. Decker at Bay Lake Pines and there is interest in participating in Youth Build.

Jake Robinson (Norfolk Academy) youth group raised \$180 running concession at a game and will repeat at October 29th game.

Graeme Wren (Cape Henry) received approval to start a Habitat Club and will have first meeting on Friday, October 1st. Youth group will have a booth at Cape Henry's fall festival.

Taylor Livesay (Hickory High) wants 2'x4's for signing fundraiser at Hickory High. Jimmy Livesay will pick up lumber from Habitat on October 6th or 7th. Taylor is also approaching Buffalo Wild Wings for a charity night.

Taylor Chandler (Kempsville High) attended meeting for first time. Kempsville High is interested in participating in the Youth Build. Taylor agreed to be steering committee represent.

Old Business:

Skinny Dips: Lori Hasher spoke with owner of Skinny Dips and received approval for a fundraiser. The fundraiser will "kick off" Youth Build in conjunction with World Habitat Day, October 4th. After much discussion it was decided we will announce the Skinny Dips event on World Habitat Day but will have the actual event on either Oct 9th

(first choice) or Oct 16th. Reid will check with Skinny Dips to see if these dates are available for us.

There are five Skinny Dip stores in the area. Once we have the date, an email will be sent out to ask for volunteers to be at each location to encourage store customers to mention Habitat when purchasing yogurts. (Store hours are 11am-10pm) Sheila Johnson (Habitat PR/Marketing Mgr.) will post store locations on Habitat's website (Volunteer UP) for shift sign-ups. Sheila will also design a flyer and email for use to advertise and promote the event at schools, Facebook, etc. Info will also be put on Habitat's website.

Sheila is currently working on a press release and Youth Build info for Habitat's website. Information should be posted in conjunction with World Habitat Day.

Letters of Intent: Everyone was reminded a Letter of Intent must be signed by a school representative/principal in order to participate in Youth Build. These should be returned at the October meeting.

Habitat Report: Sherran Denkler reported Andy Adams (Norfolk Christian) had helped get letters out to all the elementary, middle school and high schools in South Hampton Roads regarding Nickels for Nails Campaign and Youth Build. Five elementary/middle schools have indicated they will participate in Nickels for Nails Campaign: James Hurst Elementary School will run campaign 3/14/11-3/20/11; Bayside Elementary School will run campaign from October 2010-June 2011; St. Gregory the Great will participate but hasn't decided on a date as yet; Hickory Elementary School will run campaign during the month of January. Hickory has adopted Habitat for the year and will provide food baskets for the Red Mill families' house dedications on October 30th.

Sherran also reminded parents that once the actual build starts, one parent/adult is required for every five youth on the worksite. Question was asked about what age constitutes adult? Nothing in manual states actual age, but Sherran will check on it and report at next meeting.

Question about other opportunities to volunteer with Habitat other than Youth Build: John Wren a parent and member of Coastal Church said there may be opportunities for youth to participate in Red Mill build with his church. Sherran also mentioned volunteers are needed in Habitat stores (900 Tidewater Drive in Norfolk and 955 Providence Shopping Center in Virginia Beach) The Tidewater office also needs volunteers to answer phones.

Abby Barger has indicated she doesn't have the required time to be the secretary for the steering committee. If anyone is interested in this position, please email your name to Sherran before the next meeting. We will vote on new secretary at that time.

Question about Habitat t-shirts: World Habitat t-shirts were passed out to those who wanted them. Habitat has ordered a "generic" t-shirt that will be available for purchase.

Meeting date/time: The steering committee will continue to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month but the start time will slide to 6:15pm.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Next meeting: October 26th at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherran Denkler for Abby Barger