

**Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Youth Services Committee Minutes – October 2019**

**Attendance**

Mattijs Limberger, Committee Chair	Primo Lasana, Community Committee Mem
Fred P. Baptiste, CB9 Chair	Michael Liburd, CB9, Committee Member
Donique Burke, Comm. Committee Member	Anthony McGriff, Comm. Committee Member
Taleshia Felder, Comm. Committee Member	Riel Peerbooms, Comm. Committee Member
Valerie Fleming, Comm. Committee Member	Rashidah Siddiqui, CB9, Committee Member
Jawara Hudson, Comm. Committee Member	Aishamame Williams, Visitor

Agenda: Youth Forum, Additional Events, Social Media and Website

- Introductions - new and returning members
- Expectations - While everyone is a volunteer, it is important to carry work forward and collaborate to deliver events for youth in CB9
- Youth Expo - April
  - Invite vendors (roughly 45)
  - Ranging from summer camps, board of elections, FDNY, NYPD
  - 4th year of the expo
  - Last year was most successful with over 600 attendees, largely due to Flatbush Beacon
  - CB14 fair and SYEP application dates act as benchmarks
  - CB9 successful in bringing orgs that employ
  - Immigration added as item to possibly address
  - (Question) - Can immigrant youth get SYEP without citizenship/SSN?
  - CB9 already has relationships with vendors (listed in Google Doc)
  - (Action Item) - Prepare Save The Date Email
  - (Action Item) - Follow up from previous year with survey to be included in Save the Date email
  - Ensuring we are meeting the needs of younger youth (ages 12-16)
  - Involve an incentive like basketball tournament afterward
  - Focus on entertainment jobs - Steiner Studios, Silver Cup
  - (Action Item) ask DYCD to attend next Meeting
  - (Action Item) find local parent coordinators and guidance counselors to present the opportunity (all opportunities)

\*We are joined at this point by a sophomore from the New School who is writing an article on CB9

- Financial Literacy Event (December 7th at 11am)
  - Partner with Carver
  - CB9 has a bank contact to come and present (Fred)
  - Potential titles - "Money Talks", "Secure the Bag"
  - New Wealth Attitude
  - World of Money
  - (Action Item) Reach out to NBA and NFL as a reach to see if they could attend
  - (Action Item) Budget allocation from CB9 for event
  - Invite parents as they could use guidance and will need to be there for opening accounts
  - Video game tournament as incentive - could use library rooms at NY Ave branch

- Building credit, understanding debt, overdraft, deposits, etc. as a focus
- Incentivize with gift cards
- Career Readiness Workshop ( February 8th)
  - Bring trades, unions, apprenticeships (or to Expo)
  - "That Suits You" nonprofit - Michael Johnson
  - Giving students basic skills - 10 things you can do without skill, such as show up on time, ask questions, have a positive attitude, communicate effectively
  - Resume/cover letter also a focus
  - Younger students in SYEP were not given jobs last year, but asked to sit in rooms and do activities due to lack of maturity
- Website and Social Media
  - (Action Item Fred and Mattijs) CB9 will need to update site
  - Look to CB14 site
  - Use Social Media to increase traffic to site once updated
  - (Action Item) Launch Twitter and Facebook

Next Steps - See Action Items and Questions above

- Rashidah and Anthony to lead on Financial Literacy Event
- Outreach to New Wealth Attitudes and World of Money ( Anthony and Michael)

Adjourn

Submitted by,  
Primo Lasana