

Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Eastern Service Area Board Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:00 a.m.
James City County Recreation Center
MINUTES

Attendance:

Mark Palamarchuck – Portsmouth P&R
Emily Upton – Suffolk P&R
Rebecca Skinner – Suffolk P&R
LaTanya Turner – IOW P&R
Katrina Thompson – IOW P&R
Sarah O'Reilly – JCC P&R

Joy Johnson – JCC P&R
Tracy Newson – JCC P&R
Angie Sims – JCC P&R
Arlana Fauntleroy – JCC P&R
Winette Jeffrey – Colonial Williamsburg

Handouts: Meeting Agenda

Minutes
Colonial Williamsburg Summer information
Management Conference post card

I. Call to order at 10:13 a.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions:

Welcomed by the Chair and introductions were made by each individual.
Mark Palamarchuck introduced our guest speaker: Winette Jeffrey with Colonial Williamsburg

III. Colonial Williamsburg Information:

Colonial Williamsburg is extending their current program with Va. Public Schools to all P&R agencies in Va. to encourage field trips to CW during summer camps.
Open to all Youth and Adult groups.
The cost is \$9.50 per child / staff are free. Minimum of 15 required. Cost includes a guided tour and hands on activities.
The Adult program is less than \$20 per person. Can include the limited walking tour, a full tour, or lunch at the Taverns. All include a guide.
There is an interactive app for phones.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Emily Upton motioned for the minutes to be approved.
2nd by Angie Sims.

V. Summer Survival Update:

Will be held at Midtown Community Center, June 2, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
\$30 per person, includes lunch and a T-shirt.
The goal is to have 250 participants.
Currently looking for speakers and presenters.
Registration is open on VRPS Website.

VI. 2019 Management Conference Update:

Emily Upton handed out "Mark Your Calendar" postcards. Please distribute to staff.
Will be held February 23-26, 2019 in Suffolk.
New this year, partnering with Henrico P&R and Danville P&R agencies to offer a Festivals and Events piece prior to the conference beginning.
Currently looking for speakers, Keynote Speaker and sponsors.
Participants can earn 1.6 CEU's.
Registration is open.

VII. ESA Newsletter:

The Scoop.
Will be published twice a year, with the 1st edition coming out by the end of May.
Please send your agencies information on events, programs or activities by end of April to Angie Sims.

VIII. Nomination and Elections Committee (3):

Currently recruiting new member (in need of one more).

IX. Membership / Student Outreach:

Reach out and visit with colleges to inform on what we have to offer students.
Inform on scholarships for memberships and conferences.
Once a member (\$25 for student), students go to conference for free.

X. Purpose of the ESA:

Watch for a survey to come out with the goal of establishing what members want to get out of the ESA and VRPS, and to gauge interest in the Service Area.
Survey will be brief, 4 or 5 questions.

XI. Announcements:

Suffolk is looking to hire a Rec Specialist, Full Time, \$36,000.
Chesapeake is hiring for two positions: Rec 2 (\$41,000) and a Coordinator over Centers (\$49,900).
All agencies are currently hiring for summer.
James City County has the 20th Annual Park 2 Park on July 14; Longest Day of Play on June 21 (#project547); Expansion project to the fitness area underway at the James City County Recreation Center; New inclusion program: Keep Calm and Spa On for teens with disabilities. Will include chair massages, facials, and manicures; Neighborhood based programing is developing and is currently in 4 of the 7 identified neighborhoods.
Portsmouth Invitational for High schools and colleges will air on ESPN 3 this year.
Suffolk has their Drive in Movie event coming up and will have two inflatable screens, transmitter to allow participants to listen over their FM Radio, Park n Play prior to movie with bounce houses and games. The community will be able to vote on the movies via Facebook.

XII. Next Meeting:

July 12 (Portsmouth Sports Complex – 1801 Portsmouth Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23704)
10:00 a.m.

XIII. Adjournment 11:02 a.m.

Motion: Emily Upton
2nd by Angie Sims

Respectfully Submitted by: Angie Sims