REPORT FROM YOUTH MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Stonecliffe Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Blake Lawrence, Joshua Chaput, Nathaniel Chaput, Wade Reith, Emily Reith,

Ainsley Ezerins, Eric Sarrazin, Jacob Sarrazin, Laurie Sarrazin, David Balla-Boudreau,

Cathy Balla-Boudreau

After introductions around the table, participants were asked about interests and ideas for programs and for a wish list for HCM youth.

Many ideas were generated:

Participants seemed to be in agreement for a Friday Night Youth Drop-in Night.

Darts, pool, Ping-Pong (there are tables that fold up), table games, board games such as shuffleboard and foosball, basketball, football, soccer, archery, swimming, and exercise with equipment were identified as some of the activities, as well as cooking nights which teach others how to make your particular dish (potluck). Video games and use if Wi were on the wish list.

Ball, soccer and paintball (age 14 and above with regulations) were also suggested. Woodworking with specific projects – including the making of paddles; woodburning. Omer and Carl were suggested instructors. Later discussion included building equipment together for Old Mackey Park.

There was enthusiasm, as well, for sharing **Games Night** with adults for **intergenerational** activities.

There were some who were interested in music **lessons** (guitar); swimming lessons at municipal beach, wrestling, karate, canoing, kayaking, survival skills, ecological treks.

Building of trails was discussed, with the suggestion of incorporating the trails for biking and jogging.

Another suggestion that the Hall be opened more frequently led to the consideration of Tuesday/Library Night as a possible addition.

Not discussed but another consideration is that Tuesday Night might also be used as a study night for those who need help with homework. There are several teachers in our Townships who might donate some time... It may also be used as a "lesson" night (guitar, karate) if these can be arranged.

Refreshments were served. Meeting was efficient and generated many ideas. Congratulations to all who attended. You all have great leadership and diverse interests. Things will happen thanks to you.

Cathy Balla-Boudreau