

**YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
 Minutes of December 16, 2008 meeting  
 Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	D	J	J	F	F	J	J	APPOINTED BY
Vacant												Mayor Slesnick
Ramon Diaz	P	N	P	P	P							Vice-Mayor Kerdyk
Leigh Cooper-Peabody	P	N	P	P	P							Commissioner Anderson
Alexandra Morales			P	P	E							Commissioner Cabrera
Kyle Parker	P	N	P	P	E							Commissioner Withers
Bria Dewberry	V	V	V	V	P							City Manager Maria Jimenez
Carolina Valdes-Lora	P	N	E	P	P							Recreation Advisory Board

A = Absent  
 C = Cancelled  
 E = Excused absence  
 P = Present  
 N = No quorum  
 R = Recessed  
 S = Sick

**STAFF:**

Luanne Santangelo  
 Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Roxana Gonzalez  
 Youth Center Supervisor

**GUESTS:**

- Meeting Called to Order** – Leigh Cooper-Peabody called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- Approval of Board minutes from November 18, 2008 meeting** – A motion was made by R. Diaz, seconded by B. Dewberry to approve the minutes of December 2 2008. Minutes approved unanimously by the Board.
- Old Business**
  - Holiday Tree Lighting – The Board volunteered with the Candy Cane Hunt. They suggested that we put a rope around the perimeter of the area; affix the snowmen into the ground to keep them from falling over; and consider a larger area to accommodate more kids.
  - Breakfast with Santa – The Board volunteered with the Bingo game. When asked for suggestions the Board said to consider having Santa actually eat with the kids, have volunteers dress as elves.

The Board enjoyed participating in both events and look forward to next year.

- c. The Board then discussed Bingo Night and Teen Night. The events will coincide, taking place on February 20, 2009 from 7-10 pm. Bingo will be conducted the same as last year.

Teen Night will be conducted in the gymnasium. The event will focus on activities for youth ages 10-15 years. We will set up Rock Band for a competition and Dance Dance Revolution for a competition. We will also have a “coffee” bar with bistro tables set up for socialization.

The Board will garner sponsorships and prizes for both events. Letters will go out after the new year and advertising will begin as soon as possible.

- 4. **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Coral Gables Youth Center.
- 5. **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.