

Manhattan Community Board 9
YOUTH EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE
December 8, 2020

Meeting Called to Attention at 6:38pm
Meeting Called to Order at 6:50pm

In attendance:

Deidre McIntosh-Brown

Shaneeeka Wilson

Ken Miles

Alec Barrett

Maxine Best

Miriam Farer *not present for voting

Organization Name: BIOBUS

Representatives: Ashley Pirovano (Senior Scientist & Harlem Program Coordinator)

BioBus is a nonprofit organization specifically geared towards female/low income/Minority students to provide a broader education in the sciences.

Student Townhalls are FREE live chats where questions are posed beforehand and discussions held on topics in Science.

BioBus will continue LIVE programming for Schools and Teachers

Recently Received a GRANT from "Listen4Good" - will help develop a middle school program for 4-8th grades. More information shortly

January: Internship Applications open; March Interviews begin

WHAT CAN CB9 DO? Spread the word

Organization Name: Good Vibes In The Park

Representatives: AyoInMotion (Founder)

Good Vibes in the Park began this past summer as a reprieve and a way for people to be together while socially distancing. Held in his beloved St. Nicholas Park, the founder, Ayo cares deeply about the arts and activism - concurrently putting together 3 separate gatherings this summer.

June: Juneteenth

July: Black Women as Creators

August: Blacktivist (Black Activists + Black Creatives = where does this intersect)

Ayo used his own money to pay for refreshments, publicity as well as support the musicians and artists who performed. He also asked the large crowds for donations as well, it seems that many were happy to oblige. He is now looking for Grants and funding so that he may repeat these gatherings next summer. We also suggested he visit the **Arts & Culture Committee** when time allows.

WHAT CAN CB9 DO? Please email "ayoinmotion@gmail.com" with any suggestions for grants and funding.

Organization Name: Hypothekids
Representatives: Christine Kovich (Founder)

Hypothekids (HK) is one of the popular CB9 organizations - winning a WHDC Grant almost every year for the amazing work they do with kids introducing them to science. COVID has changed the dynamic, however HK is still going strong. Working with new school Harlem Seed (M371 - school district 5) and helping to develop their science curriculum. HK recently received a grant from the Verizon Foundation to work with students in NYCHA housing. This program will begin in March and closely resemble the summer offerings. In-Person or Virtual will depend on the Government mandates at that time.

HK will continue offering Paid Internships through Memorial Sloan Kettering for the Summer of 2021. More information on both programs to follow.

WHAT CAN CB9 DO? Spread the word

Organization Name: George Bruce Library
Representatives: Librarian Izabela Owusu-Ansah

New YOUNG ADULT Programs!

Help with Library Resources for Teens on Tuesday December 8, 15, 22 at 4pm.
Make an appointment for 30 minutes to speak with a YA librarian on Google Meet.

Teen Open Book Discussion on Wednesday December 23 at 4pm.
Join us for a teen open book discussion about whatever you are reading.

**This information has been distributed by Ms. Zita via CB9 email blast.*

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Letters of Support:

YEL voted unanimously to provide a *Letter of Support for PUMP initiative* (Vote was 5 yes,0 abstain,0 no)

YEL Voted unanimously to sign on with the *Senior Committee in support of Educational Equity* (Vote was 5 yes,0 abstain,0 no)