

## Minutes of Youth Commission Meeting 8-9-19

Present: Robin Montgomery, Liam Enea, Ryan Bergeron, Marni McNiff, Sarah Devine, Aurora Kilai

Meeting opened a little after 5:00 with Pledge of Allegiance

Robin requested that Liam and the rest of the YC students seek out a student to replace Michael, preferably a student of another gender. Marni and Sara coached Liam and Ryan to refrain from the words “female representative” and how to go about approaching students appropriately. Robin suggested that Sharon Davidson who is involved with peer leadership may have some suggestions of students they can approach to join YC.

Marni suggested seeking alternates (both genders) for YC who can shadow...they can see what's happening here in the meetings and can participate in what YC is doing in school. They will not have a role in YC per se. This may help with transition in the future. Marni offer assistance by emailing Liam names from the Sophomore class.

Robin announced that Jason O'Connor, the Youth Advocate for New Milford wants to attend the YC meeting to hear the YC issues and share what they've done in New Milford. He is unavailable until September 20th. All agreed we would meet on that date instead of earlier in September.

### Youth Club Fair

The Youth Club fair is scheduled for September 10 from 12:30 – 2:00. Jr/Sr attend first block and Fr/Soph attend second block. So far over 12 clubs have responded. The Brookfield Library and YC will have a stand. Urban St. Pizza and Chik Filet will also have a stand and cater. They will also have information available for students interested in seeking employment with them. Urban St. Pizza may charge \$1/pizza slice.

Liam questioned appropriateness of having a podium and mike there and to say a few words to the students about YC. Robin suggested checking with Mr. Belanda on this.

Marni suggested that YC have a printed handout at the stand with contact info and what YC is all about with mission statement. She offered to help with a flyer.

Liam will contact Julia Perkins at News Times to write an article on the upcoming fair.

Liam suggested setting up a YC email with town so future surveys and emails come from YC and not Liam individually. Robin said he would contact Ginny to set this up.

Liam thought about creating a specific info session, perhaps monthly, re YC. Robin suggested that the YC email would help with this.

Robin announced that in October the school would have an electronic climate survey. He may be able to parse some of that out to YC so they can be involved in it.

Brookfield Care has a search institute survey that demonstrates what the town could do to elevate issues in the survey and perhaps this is also something that YC could be involved in.

Liam advised that Mr. Belanda is creating a new organization of the clubs to keep track of the ongoing activities in all the clubs and YC will work with him on that.

Aurora brought information from Linda Wagner of Savings Bank of Danbury, who is in charge of Community Management. Linda is interested in having a stand at the Student Club Fair. Liam will connect with her.

#### Youths in Business

Liam is meeting with Whisconier Middle School principal to set up dates for 2019-2020. Sarah is setting up a meeting between Liam and the principal at New Fairfield School to start a program there. Liam is also connecting with the principal at Bethel Middle School who is looking for an advisor.

Social Media – Liam hasn't done much over the summer and will take this up more in the school year. Marni suggested posting something leading up to the Club Fair and also what YC is working on in the future. Marni suggested Liam send the post to her and she will post it on the parent pages.

Robin reminded all that we will meet on September 20th when Jason O'Connor can attend the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30