



First Selectman's Youth Commission Minutes
Greenwich Town Hall Meeting Room
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
6:45-7:00pm, 8:00-8:15pm Executive Session
7:00-8:00pm Full Board

In attendance: Whitney Sprung, Prathit Kurup, Mary Hawthorn, Catherine Ruf, Caroline Hisler, Ethan Pond, Natalie Cook, Eva Andersen, Campbell Officer, Antonia Melina Salame, John Breitfelder, Peter Kapp, Asher Benn, Sanah Rekhi, Tyler Wilson, Celine Fong, Hadley Faulstich, Tomas Jasson, Skyler Safriet, Georgia Mann, Tessa Loverro, Karina Sethi, Shreya Prabhu, Lauren Harteveltdt, Lauren Mondschein, Grejs Shelcaj, Zara Haque, Lance Bernstein, Divya Shenoy

Absent:

Meeting Call to Order:

By: Tomas Jasson **Time:** 7:01pm

Approval of Minutes (February 9, 2021)

Motion to Vote: Prathit Kurup

Seconded: Peter Kapp

Vote: For: 29 / Against: 0 / Abstain: 0

Welcome

Introductions

Reading the FSYC Handbook

Project Updates

Greenwich Alliance for Education

- Avid → started as a grant, international program (college readiness system)
- Need to raise money to run
 - Turkey Trot
 - Mutually beneficial relationship where FSYC fundraises and promotes race in turn for money
 - Trivia
 - Danielle's team → *Quiz Pro Quo*

FSYC Scholarship/Fundraising Activities (Asher Benn)

- Fundraiser on Friday → Asher and Natalie/Melina/Hadley will raise money

Junior First Selectman's Youth Commission (Lauren Harteveltdt, Prathit Kurup)

- Book swap project → Mini Kapp's project
- Looking for mentors
- Possible Trivia Contest to raise money

ACL Zoom (Karina Sethi)

- Zoom had 20 people
- Going to do prevention at Schools

Middle School Mentors (John Breitfelder)

- He's been communicating with Town

Model UN (Divya Shenoy & Shreya Prabhu)

- Not here

5K (Tomas Jasson & Peter Kapp)

- Turkey trot

FSYC Website (Catherine Ruf)

- Website is almost ready to be published
- Send her dates of projects

Links and Logs (Meline Salame)

- Businesses have been ghosting Melina
- Should reach out to tailoring businesses

Plogging (Zara Haque)

- Not Here

Composting (Campbell Officer and Lance Bernstein)

- Tyler and Campbell are working together for the film
- STOP PLUGGING JFSYC FOR EVERYTHING

Police Connection Program (Natalie Cook)

- On Sunday
- Needs to get food → splitting cost with Officer - We should look to pay

Greenwich Film Competition (Tyler Wilson)

- 30 submissions so far
- Narrative, Animated, Documentary
- Middle School and High School
- Avon Theater
- Money needed for

Middle School Writing Contest (Sanah Rekhi)

- Using same flier as last year
- Wants to have the same budget → Cannot send out flier without

Beautification of Islands (Ethan Pond)

- A bit of progress has been made
- Emails have been sent to the DPW

Sexual Violence Forum (Hadley Faulstich)

- She has been ghosted
- Timeline has been shortened so maybe next year project

After School Program for ESL (Skyler Safriet)

- Schools have not been responding but aiming to have something mid/early April

Mental Health Forum (Tessa Loverro and Lauren Mondschieen)

- Planning a Zoom with everyone soon → going to discuss potential scenarios in the community and the Doctor will be present and approve the scenarios
- Jeff will be staying on the Zoom after for anyone who wants help or just to talk

Forgivity Wellness Webinar (Mary Hawthorne)

- Saturday March 26th from 11 to 11:30

Junior First Selectman's Youth Commission

- 10 confirmed members
- FSYC members have encouraged their siblings to join
- Need email to be sent to WMS
- In retrospect, a community survey should have been conducted to determine interest

FSYC Scholarship/Fundraising

- Asher will work on an annual fundraising dinner for the FSYC
- Greenwich Department of Social Service Board member donated \$2500 to FSYC
 - Group will send a thank you letter
- will speak to Danielle about the fund and get working on it

Partnership with Greenwich Police

- GA originally agreed to hosting the program, but there is a similar program at the Boys and Girls club
- Will look into partnering with Boys & Girls Club

Plogging

- No updates, program planned for Spring

5K Run and Event

- Subcommittee formed
- Program logistics need to be determined
 - Need to communicate with Town

Parsonage Cottage

- Schedule to be developed

Tech-focused projects

- Melina is recruiting volunteers and connecting them to businesses
- Catherine's plans are similar to Greenwich United Way website
 - Project will now focus on developing an FSYC website
 - Need to determine TOG guidelines related to website development

Greenwich Student Diversity Leadership Conference

- Lauren planning to meet with Danielle to develop program plan
- Sunday, 11/21/2021, meeting with subcommittee planned

Project Proposals and Reports

Shreya and Divya: Model UN Clinic for Middle School Students

- Goal: to prepare middle school students for Model UN in high school
- Need to determine space to hold the program
 - YWCA Greenwich?
 - Town Hall?
- Needs volunteers and teachers to facilitate program

Motion to Open Debate: Peter Kapp

Seconded: Lauren Harteveltdt

Motion to Vote: Tomas Jasson

Second: Prathit Kurup

Vote: For: 17 / Against: 1 / Abstain: 7

Commissioner/School Reports

No reports

- Greenwich Academy:
- Greenwich Country Day School:
- Greenwich High School

- Hackley
- Rye Country Day School
- Sacred Heart

Community Outreach, Collaboration Opportunities, Youth Commission Guests

Greenwich Together will conduct an environmental scan to determine if youth target alcohol substance abuse

Don't Wait movie available for streaming for parents

GA Sophomores will have a bake sale for Kids-In-Crisis

Katie and Caroline can also raise money through Sacred Heart

Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Peter Kapp

Seconded: Lauren Harteveltdt

Vote: For: Unanimous, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03pm

Next Work Session: November 16, 2021, Town Hall Meeting Room

Next Full Board Meeting: November 30, 2021, Town Hall Meeting Room

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New Business - Future Meeting Times

Adjourn Meeting:

- Motion:
 - Seconded:
- Vote:**

For:

Against:

Abstain:

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