

First Selectman's Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
November 7th, 2017

In attendance: Diego Jasson, Graham Plewniak, Grace Thompson, Charlie Ciporin, Willa Doss, Catherine Veronis, Scott Gibbons, Olivia Schnur, Mark Chen, Bennett Hawley, Makenna Goeller, Jeremy Fertig, Andrea Jemiolo, Ashton Borcharding, Alina Pannone, Harry Kilberg, Sam Akrongold, Tommy Kimberlin, Elisabeth Hall, Jenny Byxbee

Absent: Izzy Kalb, Nikhil Jaiswal, Stephanie Browder, Gigi Jervis, Katherine Santoro, Peter Tesei

Meeting Call to Order:

By: Diego Jasson

Time: 7:03

Welcome – Chairs

- Approval of Minutes
 - Motioned by Tommy Kimberlin
 - Seconded by Harry Kilberg
 - Unanimous vote
- Submission and updates on Program Proposals
 - Suggestion box
 - Charlie will send out the best suggestions so they can be developed by the board
 - Community Service database
 - Putting the database on the town hall website is not an option anymore
 - A Facebook page is a good option
 - It would show events
 - It would be open to everyone
 - It would allow organizations to post their own events
 - We could add a tab to the GHS website
 - Exposing Western to opportunities in Greenwich
 - Western is trying to start new projects (Student council, robotics club)
 - We could help them develop those
 - Could send a form to GHS about involvement with Western
 - Opioid project
 - Trying to find a date at Sacred Heart for an assembly
 - GA already has a scheduled assembly with a member of the GPD

- We would incorporate opioid problem into assembly
 - GA delegate would give a presentation at a Monday morning meeting with a quick overview of the problem
 - New projects:
 - Charlie Ciporin's proposal
 - There is not an easy way for LGBT youth to meet with other members of the community
 - Only interaction is on apps which are not safe
 - LGBT youth are more exposed to depression
 - We would create an environment that would allow youth of the LGBT community to socialize
 - We would use the clubs at various schools to gain support
 - We would advertise throughout the schools
 - People might be scared to go, we would try to normalize the gatherings so people are comfortable
 - It should be open to everyone, not just LGBT youth
 - We would get it started and then people from clubs would run the meetings
 - Possible discussion, socializing, and other activities
 - Possibility of having an adult supervisor and have it run out of the teen center
 - Would be much safer
 - Could open it up to middle schools which would allow different age groups at different meetings
 - We would tie it in with the diversity initiative
 - FSYC would get the clubs to get involved and we would spread word
 - Motion to approve proposal
 - Motioned by Jeremy Fertig
 - Seconded by Harry Kilberg
 - For: 18
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - Subcommittee:
 - Scott Gibbons, Jeremy Fertig, Andrea Jemiolo, Elizabeth Hall, McKenna Goeller
- Vote to approve, deny, table

I. Delegate Reports

- A. Brunswick Delegates
 - a. Expanding Brunswick Thanksgiving drive
 - b. Public observatory
 - i. Problem with the insurance so it is rarely open
 - ii. We would try to help the observatory be open more
- B. Sacred Heart of Greenwich Delegates
 - a. none
- C. Greenwich Academy Delegates
 - a. none
- D. Greenwich High School Delegates
 - a. Review of successful Abilis walk
- E. All other members: Community Service, Treasury, Secretary
 - a. We need ideas about celebrating diversity within Greenwich
 - b. Possible ideas:
 - i. Having a fair with food, music, and other performances

II. Community Outreach & Collaboration Opportunities

- a. Enchanted Forrest with JLG on 11/18/17 – Mrs. Byxbee
 - i. We could have an opportunity to volunteer
- b. Neighbor to Neighbor / KIC-gift giving-Chairs Willa and Catherine
 - i. Have 5 families to provide gifts for
- c. T-shirt design and purchasing ideas for upcoming events- opening
 - i. Will help people identify us

Adjourn Meeting

Motioned by Jeremey Fertig

Seconded by Harry Kilberg

Meeting Adjourned: 7:59

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 5th. 6:30 executive board meeting, 7:00 full board meeting (holiday wrapping special)