First Selectman’s Youth Commission Minutes

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
6:45 - 7:00pm, 8:00-8:15pm Executive Session
7:00 - 8:00pm Full Board

In attendance: Peter Kapp, Emma Kate Smith, Eva Andersen, Georgia Mann, Olivia Schnur, Prathit Kurup, Sanah Rekhi, James O’Malley, Karina Sethi, Lauren Harteveldt, Mark Chen, Lance Bernstein, Tomas Jasson, Campbell Officer, Colin Speaker, Hadley Rosenberg, Asher Benn, Lily Santangelo, Sam Weiner, John Breitfelder, Johnny Citron, Divya Shenoy, Mary Hawthorn, Noor Rekhi, Wyatt Radzin, Mary O’Connor

Absent: Natalie Cook, Isabelle Harper, Steven Blank, Skyler Safriet, Sumner Hill,

Meeting Call to Order:
By: Olivia Schnur
Time: 7:04pm

Welcome/Announcements:
Approval of Minutes
• Motion: Olivia Schnur
• Seconded: Peter Kapp
  Vote: For: Unanimous/Against: 0/Abstain: 0

Old Business: Updates
FSYC Handbook
• Board made edits during last work session
• Olivia refined edits for a finalized handbook
• Major Changes
  o Outgoing excomm does not have a say in the application process
  o Any Junior can become a Chair; you do not have to have been a vice chair

Diversity Conference: Lauren
• Lauren met with Bobby Walker at GA
• Wants to center diversity conference around “tougher conversations”
• Conference will not mirror typical style of SDLC
• 9th-12th grades broken into family groups

Scholarship Fundraising
• Peter and Campbell and Asher will host a free dress day on Friday 10/13/2020
• Excess funds will go back into the fund
• Possibly a bracelet sale this om 10/13/2020 or another Friday, depending on the situation

Saferides
• Saferides is temporarily disbanded due to coronavirus
• Hopefully the app can be put to use because it is finished

Newsletter: Noor
• Will be compiling blurbs and quotes from projects soon

Instagram: Jonny
• Looking for ideas to post

Substance Abuse Project: Jimmy
Mrs. O’Malley will be moderator
Significant progress made related project administrators and presentation

**FSYC Handbook: Olivia**
- Olivia has been editing

**Middle School Science Fair: Prathit and Peter**
- Reaching out to people for approval

### Subcommittee Updates

**Project Proposals and Reports**

**Commissioner/School Reports**

**Brunswick**
- FSYC scholarship fund
- 400 families fed this Thanksgiving
- Christmas drive (gift cards)

**Greenwich Academy**
- Still in school
- Not too much happening

**Greenwich Country Day School**
- Under control schooling
- Happy birthday Sam! We love you!

**Greenwich High School**
- Successful Thanksgiving drive, money raised for a lot of families
  - Raised more than $10,000 dollars
- PPE drive

**Sacred Heart:**
- Lower school Thanksgiving food drive
- Upcoming Christmas drive

**Hackley**
- Online all week
- Successful Thanksgiving drive for a church

### Community Outreach, Collaboration Opportunities, Youth Commission Guests

**Greenwich Diversity Panel**
- Thursday, December 3, Zoom, Register @ [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
  - Prathit, Olivia, and Divya are on the diversity Panel

**Kids-In-Crisis**
- Holiday wish list, KIC Amazon registry, gift cards
- Raised over $300 for a girl for this Christmas

Request for youth members for **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America** (CADCA) 31<sup>st</sup> Annual

**Greenwich Youth for Justice and El Pueblo Unido Mutual Aid Holiday Drive** (Jimmy O’Malley)
- Drive for foods, coats, toys, and gifts, and emergency funds
- Venmo, cashapp, and gofundme
- All proceeds go to people with emergency needs
- Bins in schools for goods
  - Representatives from schools will make announcements to put them out

### Project Proposals and Reports

**Diversity Conference**
- Having tough conversations- “difficult dialogue” or “challenging conversation”
- All of the board should participate

**Fundraising**
• Bracelet sales at Brunswick, not yet
• Free dress day raised $500

**Yard Sign Proposal**
• All proceeds go to Greenwich Covid Relief
• Motion for debate: Olivia, Seconded: Campbell
  o Vote: Unanimous
  o Debate
    • Where will the money go exactly?
      o Greenwich hospital?
      o Families in need directly?
      o PPE?
    • How to pay for the signs?
      o Car dealer offered to pay for $300 of signs
      o Or we could just order based on need
• Motion to Approve: Olivia Schnur, Peter Kapp
  ▪ Unanimous approval

**Possible Alumni Network**
• Noor may write proposal to connect current and past board members
• James’s substance abuse project
  o Unanimous vote for Feb 20, 2021 as event date
  o Questions for panelists are being honed
• TAG/SafeRides
  o No substantive updates
• Tutoring Club
  o No substantive updates
• Science fair
  o Coming soon near you...
• Suggestion box

**New Business - Future Meeting Times**

**Adjourn Meeting:**
• Motion: Olivia Schnur, Seconded: Mary Hawthorn

**Vote: For:** Unanimous
**Against:** 0
**Abstain:** 0

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:56pm

**Next Work Session:** 12/15/20
**Next Full Board Meeting:** 1/5/21