

Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Mayor's Youth Council Special Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM Town Hall Room 400



1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by chair Sarah Granquist

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

- Present: Daphne Brewer, Ava DellaFera, Francesca Giordano, Adam Gold, Sarah Granquist, Oliver Hartmann, Joseph Landino, Kikoh Mordukai, Charlotte Mullin, Alexis Nguyen, Moh Palanki, Evan Piccioli, Grace Piccioli, Abby Sanderson, Rudra Singh, Caeli Sullivan, Liam Wright, Catherine Zehr (18)
- Absent: Ailani Roach, Kushal Gauli, Isabelle Mulready, Priya Shinde, Priya Sinha (5)
- Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Rousseau, Democratic Registrar

2. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved at 6:04 PM by council

3. Guest Speakers

A. Beth Kyle and Elizabeth Rousseau - West Hartford Registrars of Voters

- Only Ms. Rousseau could be present as Ms. Kyle was sick
- Ms. Rousseau introduced the voter eligibility rules for people who are soon to be of age to vote
- She also discussed absentee voting, early voting, and poll working

4. School Reports

A. Conard

- School play opens next Friday
- Conard won their last basketball game
- Good sports performance recently
- Chocolate Cafe show for Conard advanced music groups
- Blood drive this week
- Catherine Zehr won an award on behalf of her Jazz Combo in the Mingus Festival

B. Hall

- Pops N' Jazz is incoming
- Blood drive on March 5th
- Chocolate Cafe also happened for Hall's advanced music groups

C. Kingswood Oxford

- Musical last Friday
- Squash team reached second place in Philadelphia
- Spring sports begin tomorrow
- Sending students to the EDL conference in New York soon
- March break starting soon

5. Chair & Subcommittee Reports

A. Chair - None

B. Secretary - None

C. Social Media - None

D. Outreach / Recruitment - None

E. Holiday Giving Committee

a. Beans for Basketball Update

- Joe explained that the second project has been completed
- Food Pantry was low on beans, so a basketball fundraiser was set up
- Earned 30-34 cans of beans (those who brought one got \$1 off of their ticket to the basketball game)
- Frankie coordinated with the Athletic Director to set up the game
- Charlotte created posters for the event

F. Mental Health Committee

a. Bake Sale Fundraiser February 17 11-3pm Blue Back Square

i. Donations will go to NAMI

- ii. Approximately \$200 was raised
- b. Teen Wellness Fair March 23 1-4PM Hall High School
 - i. Resource table reserved
 - MYC will have a table to potentially discuss PHACTT projects
 - Council members checked off items on organizer to determine what activities and refreshments will be available at the event
 - Feedback was sent to Rebekah Seaton of the West Hartford Community of Concern group
- G. Political Activism Committee
 - Voter registration help at Hall and Conard could not be done due to the cancellation of the February 13 MYC meeting
 - MYC can do our own voter registration drive, but we have to ensure that all forms are filled out correctly
 - Subcommittees can decide on how to do this (date and time)

6. Old Business

- A. Kindness Project Installation Completed
 - Mrs. Karp announced that the Butterfly Installation project has been completed
 - Conard Arts & Crafts Club is decorating the final butterflies
 - A press release is being made and may require quotes from MYC members
- B. MYC Shirts
 - Adam Gold identified a local business to produce MYC shirts
 - Shirts were ordered 2/21 and will be available at the 3/5 MYC meeting
 - MYC currently has no budget going forward for shirts, refreshments, or other materials
 - MYC may ask Mayor Cantor about a budget or fundraising opportunities to purchase outreach shirts next year
- C. PHACTT Grants
 - a. Suicide Prevention - Priya / Ailani
 - Working with the West Hartford Bloomfield Health District
 - b. COVID Isolation - Oliver

- The project will be pushed to next year due to a lack of general interest
- c. Mural - Mrs. Karp
 - Mrs. Karp met with Rise Up For Arts again to discuss the mural project
 - She will present a funding request at the March Library Foundation meeting
 - The West Hartford Prevention Council has agreed to fund half the project as long as it is prevention themed
 - The tentative schedule is 2-3 mural workshops for teens in April, 1-2 workshops in May
 - Final mural expected to be done in May
- d. West Hartford Prevention Partnership Coalition - Mrs. Karp / Sarah

7. New Business

- A. Teen Anxiety Support Group - Social Services
- An intern in the Social Services department is offering a 4-week Youth Wellness Circle series at the Noah Webster Library starting March 13
 - Topics will include: What is Anxiety, Mindfulness, Deep Breathing & Muscle Relaxation, and Thoughts and Feelings
 - There will be pizza provided, since the programs are from 5-5:45PM
 - MYC and other teen volunteers can attend to support the program

8. Announcements

- Teen Skate Night for middle schoolers (possible outreach opportunity) March 8 from 7:00-8:30 PM
- Posters to advertise the MYC and show projects that we have worked on
- Multicultural Night event from the West Hartford Immigrant Teens March 13 6-8PM at Hall
- Teen Summer Reading T-shirt logo contest to increase participation

9. Adjournment

- A. Adjourn
- Chair Sarah Granquist motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:53 PM
 - Motion passed, seconded by Moh
 - Work session began at 6:54 PM and ended at 7:15PM

Work Session: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7-7:30 PM Town Hall Room 400

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6-7 PM Town Hall Room 400