

Mayor's Youth Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 PM Town Hall Room 217



1. Meeting Opening

- A. Call to Order
- Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- Secretary called roll at 6:05 PM
- Present: Daphne Brewer, Ailani Roach, Kushal Gauli, Adam Gold, Sarah Granquist, Oliver Hartmann, Joseph Landino, Kikoh Mordukai, Charlotte Mullin, Isabelle Mulready, Alexis Nguyen, Moh Palanki, Grace Piccioli, Abby Sanderson, Rudra Singh, Caeli Sullivan, Liam Wright, Catherine Zehr
- Absent: Ava DellaFera, Francesca Giordano, Evan Piccioli, Priya Shinda, Priya Sinha
- Late Arrival: None

2. Approval of Minutes

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- Meeting minutes approved by council at 6:06 PM

3. Guest Speaker

A. Mayor Shari Cantor

a. Officer Presentations

- All council members introduced themselves to Mayor Shari Cantor
- Mayor introduced her early life and career to the council, opening up to questions at the end

b. Q&A

- Council members asked the Mayor various questions about her work and opinions on the council
- Chair Sarah Granquist introduced the Mayor to the projects that the council has worked on from 2021-present
- Joe Landino introduced the current and completed Holiday Giving subcommittee projects for 2023-2024
- Daphne explained that the Political Activism subcommittee tried to increase teen involvement in voting and politics by working at the polls on April 2 and during early voting
- Isabelle announced that the Mental Health subcommittee ran a bake sale for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and collected just over \$200; they also hosted an information table and took part in QPR training at the Teen Wellness Fair to raise awareness for suicide prevention
- Gretchen Levitz from the West Hartford Prevention Council introduced the PHACTT project to the Mayor

4. School Reports

A. Conard

- None

B. Hall

- None

- C. Kingswood Oxford
- None

5. Subcommittee Reports

A. Holiday Giving

a. MYC Spikeball Tournaments May 22 & May 29

- Planning will continue
- Ms. Karp will speak with Ms. Downey to finalize details

B. Political Activism

- None

C. Mental Health

- None

6. Old Business

A. RiseUp for Arts Mural Funding

a. The West Hartford Public Library Foundation
approved spending on March 25

b. Prevention Partnership Coalition Meeting April 18 5PM Town Hall Room 217

- Mrs. Karp, Oliver and Joe will ask for the rest of the funding

B. PHACTT Grant Writing Workshops April 23 & April 30 5-7:30PM Noah
Webster Library Teen Room

- Teens can work on existing or new campaign ideas
- Grant work will mostly be completed on these two dates
- Materials will be ready to present at the PHACTT booth at Celebrate West Hartford on June 8 and 9

C. MYC Applications

- Applications will open this week and will be due on May 31

7. New Business

A. MYC Graduation May 28

- No time for planning

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

- All items past the Mayor Q&A were skipped due to time conflicts
- Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM, seconded by Kikoh and all in favor

Work Session: April 16 7-7:30PM Town Hall Room 217

Next Meeting: May 28, 2024 6-7PM Town Hall Room 400