

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Mayor's Youth Council Meeting 6:00 PM in Town Hall Room 407



1. Meeting Opening

- a. Staff liaison Kari Karp called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:00PM. Present were Council members Santiago Ballestas, Daphne Brewer, Allison Chen, Jack Fitzgerald, Zuri Freeman, Adam Gold, Oliver Hartmann, Anthony Hubbard, Meghan Jo, Anaya Lal, Sebastian Latif, Joseph Landino, Dylan Meer, Alexis Nguyen, Moh Palanki, Grace Piccioli, Abby Sanderson, Alina Singh, Rudra Singh, Caeli Sullivan, Laila Zaffou, and Catherine Zehr, West Hartford Prevention Coordinator Gretchen Levitz, and Skyler Pruneau, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Student Life Program Assistant.

Absent: Ava DellaFera, Isabelle Mulready, Madeline Valentine

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Amendments
- i. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved.

3. Election of Officers

- a. Voting procedure and candidate roles were explained to members.
- b. Candidates presented speeches for Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Social Media Chair, Outreach Chair, Diversity & Cultural Appreciation Chair, Food Insecurity Chair, Mental Health Subcommittee Chair, and Political Activism Subcommittee Chair.
- c. Members who were present voted by paper ballot.

4. Recess

a. Voting results were announced.

b. Election for Chair

- i. Oliver Hartmann
- ii. Joseph Landino
- iii. Moh Palanki

Moh Palanki is elected Chair.

c. Election for Co-Chair

- i. Allison Chen
- ii. Joseph Landino
- iii. Moh Palanki
- iv. Alina Singh

Joseph Landino is elected Co-Chair.

d. Election for Secretary

- i. Rudra Singh
- ii. Caeli Sullivan

Rudra Singh is elected Secretary.

e. Outreach/ recruitment Chair

- i. Allison Chen
- ii. Anthony Hubbard
- iii. Sebastian Latif

Allison Chen is elected Outreach Chair.

f. Social Media Chair

- i. Caeli Sullivan

Caeli Sullivan is elected Social Media Chair.

g. Food Insecurity Subcommittee Chair

- i. Anthony Hubbard
- ii. Sebastian Latif

Sebastian Latif is elected Food Insecurity Subcommittee Chair.

h. Mental Health Subcommittee Chair

- i. Meghan Jo
- ii. Catherine Zehr

Catherine Zehr is elected Mental Health Subcommittee Chair.

i. Political Activism Subcommittee Chair

- i. Jack Fitzgerald

Jack Fitzgerald is elected Political Activism Subcommittee Chair.

j. Moh Palanki and Joseph Landino will serve as Co-Chairs rather than Chair and Co-Chair.

5. Photo Opportunity

- a. Photographs of officers were taken outside of room 407.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Members identified their first, second, third and 4th choice subcommittees for 2024-2025. Subcommittee choices for Daphne Brewer, Sebastian Latif, and Isabelle Mulready are pending.

Diversity & Cultural Appreciation	Food Insecurity	Mental Health	Political Activism
Chair: Laila Zaffou	Chair: Anthony Hubbard	Chair: Catherine Zehr	Chair: Jack Fitzgerald
Members: 1. Santiago Ballestas 2. Zuri Freeman 3. Anaya Lal 4. Alina Singh	Members: 1. Ava DellaFera 2. Adam Gold 3. Oliver Hartmann 4. Joseph Landino 5. Alexis Nguyen	Members: 1. Allison Chen 2. Meghan Jo 3. Moh Palanki 4. Rudra Singh 5. Caeli Sullivan	Members: 1. Dylan Meer

	6. Grace Piccioli 7. Abby Sanderson 8. Madeline Valentin		
Additional Interest: Allison Chen Meghan Jo Jack Fitzgerald Oliver Hartmann Anthony Hubbard Alexis Nguyen Moh Palanki Grace Piccioli Abby Sanderson Caeli Sullivan Catherine Zehr	Additional Interest: Santiago Ballestas Allison Chen Zuri Freeman Meghan Jo Jack Fitzgerald Anaya Lal Dylan Meer Moh Palanki Alina Singh Caeli Sullivan Laila Zaffou Catherine Zehr	Additional Interest: Santiago Ballestas Ava DellaFera Jack Fitzgerald Zuri Freeman Adam Gold Oliver Hartmann Anthony Hubbard Anaya Lal Joseph Landino Alexis Nguyen Grace Piccioli Abby Sanderson Alina Singh Laila Zaffou	Additional Interest: Santiago Ballestas Allison Chen Zuri Freeman Meghan Jo Oliver Hartmann Anaya Lal Joseph Landino Alexis Nguyen Grace Piccioli Madeline Valentin

- b. Everyone will serve on one committee, but may work on projects organized by other committees.
- c. Chairs may ask other subcommittee candidates to act as co-chairs, if needed.
- d. Mailing lists and group chats will be created for each subcommittee topic.
- e. MYC officers will meet in-person or virtually before the November 19, 2024 MYC meeting to discuss impact project ideas and calendar.

7. Old Business

- a. There was no discussion of old business.

8. New Business

- a. There was no discussion of new business.

9. Announcements

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- a. The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Scholarship Contest (#locool.gov) closes 10/18.
 - b. West Hartford Prevention Partnership (WHPP) will hold an Able Table Reception in Blue Back Square 10/24.
 - c. WHPP will have tables at Halloween Stroll on 10/26 and a Parent Workshop at JCC that need volunteers.
 - d. Election Day is 11/5 for students who are volunteering to work the polls.
 - e. Teen Skate Night is scheduled for 12/6 and there is an opportunity for MYC to have an outreach table.

10. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Karp, Sebastian seconded.
- b. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Guest Speaker: Skyler Pruneau, NAMI

- a. Student Navigator training for MYC members
- b. Ending the Silence workshops at local schools
- c. Other NAMI presentations are available (ex. Suicide Prevention Training, Question, Persuade, Refer)
- d. NAMI CT State Education Conference is 10/26 in Southbury

**Next Special Meeting: Tuesday, November 19th, 2024 6-7:00pm in Town Hall
Room 400**