

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Youth Council**

Wichita, Kansas, August 18, 2008

Monday, 7 P.M.

Audrie Miller opened the meeting and discussed Roberts Rules of Order.

Kay Johnson from the Department of Environmental Services explained the department to the Youth Council.

Parker Smitherman called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was participated in by all Youth Council Members, Staff, and Guests.

Minutes from the meeting on July 21 approved.

### **Public Announcements**

Drew Papadelis spoke for the Social and Special Projects Committee and announced the Committee's desire to work with other committees in organizing events. He also announced that the Committee would like to be held responsible for publicity and work in conjunction with Van Williams. Rachel King added that the Committee would like to be responsible for a press release.

Minh-Duyen Nguyen and the fundraising events deferred to unfinished business.

The Career Preparation Committee's discussion of a Job Readiness Handbook deferred to unfinished business.

Brooke Williams discussed a community service opportunity involving the Lords Diner. Contact Brooke for more information. A partnership with the Community Service Committee was discussed.

Michelle Stroot discussed the League of Kansas Municipalities. Members of the Mayors Youth Council would come to Old Town Square on October 12<sup>th</sup> to host the city event as ambassadors. Contact Michelle Stroot for more information.

Leanna from the Academic Achievement Committee discussed a mentoring program to help freshman and sophomores. If there are any questions contact Leanna, Theresa Engleman, or Jackson Shaad.

Lina Chang and Zoe Turner discussed a leadership summit and suggested creating a public service announcement to discourage underage drinking and to work closely with the Police Department. Funding was discussed and it was decided that the Public Service Committee will work on the announcement.

Lexie Baldwin discussed "Halloween on the Border" for the Wichita Community at On the Border in Bradley Fair. Contact Schyler Stump with any questions.

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Lina Chang discussed Our Voices: Youth Speaks Out on ICT project. The purpose is for Youth to better understand Wichita through artwork and poems. September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for entries.

Anna Hurst discussed a community service opportunity to get Youth around various high schools in the Wichita area registered to vote. An email will be sent out shortly with more information and contact Anna with any questions.

Minchau Truong discussed a voting project. Contact Lauren Cheeseborough with any questions.

Whitney Ronshagen discussed a blood drive. Contact Whitney with any questions.

Minchau Truong discussed promoting environmental awareness through recycling and tree planting. Kay Johnson suggested contacting Parks Department. Contact Minchau for more information.

### **New Council Business**

Drew Papadelis proposed the Wichita Black Arts Festival. The Festival would like for the Mayors Youth Council to march in the parade on August 30 at 9:30 A.M.- 11:30 A.M. at 17<sup>th</sup> and Fairmount. Each person in parade would need \$3 to march.

The Committee approved of the participation in the Festival.

The Committee voted on whether to use the Council's funds or for each person to pay individually:

Motion to have each participant pay \$3 upon entrance approved.

Drew Papdelis proposed hosting a Kick Off Party at 3:30 P.M. on August 30. Food and drinks would be donated. There was discussion of canoe racing, which would cost around \$185 plus tax.

The Committee approved the Kick Off Party.

Motion to use funds to pay for canoes approved.

New Council Business proposals from the Exploration Committee deferred to Unfinished Business.

### **Adjournment**

Marcus adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Hurst