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**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Simi Valley Senior Center**  
**3900 Avenida Simi**

**AGENDA**  
**Special Meeting Location**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Review

This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Youth Council. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce his/her intentions at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2023

4. Correspondence

5. Public Statements/Comments

Time allotted for public statements on all items on the agenda, as well as matters not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 19, 2023

b. Discussion of the Mental Health Awareness Month Campaign

7. New Business

a. Recap of the Annual Talent Show held on Thursday, April 6, 2023

b. Discussion of New Youth Council Member Interviews

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

This is the time for Youth Council members' statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council or to request a future agenda item. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

9. Coordinator's Report



10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.



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Anna M. Medina  
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Ella McCrossan took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
E	Victoria Schumacher-AHS	P*	Serena Jetely	P	Rikka Tignac
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Jasleen Khangura		
P*	Yihan Wang-RHS	P	Amanda Kilmnick	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Krish Kothiya	P	Chloe Drury
E	Isaac Tieu-SSHS	P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi	P	Maya Maizland
P	Rashi Khandare-SVHS	P	Advaith Nair	P	Rylan Downey
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Anika Nedunuri	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Christopher Kricorian-HMS	P	Ian Nelson		
P*	Jetta Rose-SMS	P	Jacob Salvanera		
P	Abigale Potter-VVMS	P*	Zehong Situ		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: Students Ethan Bhat, Saanvi Daga, Abhishek Hunabe, Kirtan Ijju, Tanvi Ijju, Ranbir Jain, Lalit Kondra, Rithmika Naveen, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro, Chloe Sigler, Ishaan Sharwa, and Sunchana Sridharan.

2. Agenda Review

There being no changes, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2023

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes as written was made by Jacob Salvanera and seconded by Christopher Kricorian.

**Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac announced that Youth Council received a request from Sandee McGee, Assistant Community Services Manager with the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, requesting volunteer assistance at the CAC's Spring Arts and Crafts Fair on May 27, 2023, for set-up from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and breakdown from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The following Youth Council members volunteered: Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Advaith Nair, Anika Nedunuri, and Jacob Salvanera for both the morning set-up and afternoon breakdown shifts; Ashlyn Ro for the morning shift; and Chloe Drury and Christopher Kricorian volunteered for the breakdown shift.

5. Public Statements/Comments

The students in attendance introduced themselves.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Thursday, April 6, 2023

Talent Show Chair Rikka Tignac reported that the final line-up of 22 competitive acts and six noncompetitive acts were set to perform at this year's Talent Show. They also announced that Talent Show tickets sold out the day before.

All Youth Council members were reminded of their assigned roles for the event and the Talent Show run-through and sound check would be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All members and event volunteers were required to attend that night. Ms. Tignac confirmed that dinner would be provided.

Youth Council members discussed cash prize amounts for the winners of each category and selected \$200.00 for solo act categories, \$300.00 for group act categories, and \$500.00 for the People's Choice award winner.

Members also selected the dress code for the event of dark pants and dark polo shirts.

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan asked that all members and volunteers take photos, vertical direction preferred for use as social media content.

Ms. Tignac thanked all of the members that brought in raffle and silent auction items.

b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 19, 2023

Substance Use Prevention and Teen Wellness Night Committee Chair Anika Nedunuri reported that there were still only three vendors registered to participate in the Teen Wellness Night event; Baha'i Faith of Simi Valley, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, and Simi Valley Unified School District. Anika stresses the importance of all members reaching out to clubs, organizations, and businesses and asking them to host booths at the event. Interested groups were encouraged to reserve their free booth space at <https://tinyurl.com/teenwellnessreg>.

Mental Health Committee Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reported that the committee discussed coordinating an "unplugged" day on May 18, 2023, with an opportunity drawing of Beats Headphones selected from the students that participated in the unplugged day to be given out at the Teen Wellness Night and/or a prize given to the person with the lowest daily or weekly screen time usage at the event.

Action Item: Members to continue to encourage school clubs to host booths at the Teen Wellness Night.

7. New Business

a. Youth Council Recruitment

Ms. Tignac reviewed the Youth Council by-laws Section 2. Selection of Incumbents under Article VI. Selection Procedure, that reads, "The selection of nine of the nominees for retention shall be made by an interview panel consisting of the Youth Council Coordinator from the Department of Community Services, one City Council Member and up to two non-returning Youth Council members, which shall be designated by their respective bodies".

The following outgoing Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the Returning Youth Council Member Interview panel; Ashlyn Ro, Rikka Tignac and Yihan Wang.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan reminded members and guests to follow the Youth Council @simivalleyyouthcouncil on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

Mental Health Committee Chair Abhishek Jagannathan announced that the committee had met and had selected himself as Chair and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi as Vice Chair. The committee discussed coordinating unplugged days, began developing a mental health survey, and planned to work on last term's proposal regarding advocating mental health days be added as excused absences.

Chair Ashlyn Ro requested that members be quieter during future meetings, as side conversations were distracting.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded committees of their upcoming meeting dates.

She also reminded all members of the call times for all members for both the event run-through and the night of the Talent Show.

Ms. Tignac reminded Krish Kothiya that his draft script for his Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on April 10, 2023, was due.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.

Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.