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SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

AGENDA

Special Meeting Date

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 2, 2024
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. Informational Presentation
 - a. Adventist Health Simi Valley's Art from the Heart

7. Continued Business
 - a. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 17, 2024
 - b. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Options for Donations and Contributions Received for the Youth Council Program
 - b. Debrief of the Roots and Rhythm Multicultural Fair on April 12, 2024

9. 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.



10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center

/s/

Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Anika Nedunuri took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

| Selection Districts | | Members-At-Large | | | |
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| V | Apollo High School Rep | E | Ethan Bhat | P | Jacob Peter Salvanera |
| E | Ella McCrossan-RHS | P | Pranav Bijith | | |
| P | Jasleen Khangura-RHS | P | Simran Dhillon | Alternates | |
| P | Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS | P* | Abhishek Humbe | P | Saydee Ro |
| E | Advaith Nair-SSHS | P* | Tanvi Ijju | A | Junxi (David) Chen |
| P | Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi-SVHS | P | Sanchita Karthik | P | Sunchana Sridharan |
| P | Anika Nedunuri-SVHS | P | Claire Menges | P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant | |
| E | Jiya Bhatt-HMS | P | Ian Nelson | | |
| P | Rylan Downey-SMS | E | Divya Nunna | | |
| P | Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS | P | Kalyssa Ro | | |
| *Arrived after approval of the minutes | | | | | |

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Management Analyst.

Guests: Students Prithika Bijith, Mahie Daga, Saanvi Daga, Kirtan Ijju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, James LeQuang, Adithi Murilidas, Sahana Ravikumar and Aman Sreejith.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the March 19, 2024, minutes as written was made by Saydee Ro and seconded by Ian Nelson.

Youth Council Vote: 15 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Miller stated that she had received correspondence from the GroupRaise Team confirming that the Youth Council’s Yogurtland restaurant fundraiser all day on Friday, May 17, 2024, had been approved and verified with the minimum number of 20 or more advanced reservations.

Ms. Miller reviewed the previous meeting minutes regarding action taken on the donation distribution from last September’s Yogurtland restaurant fundraiser to be given to a suicide prevention nonprofit. Claire Menges stated that they would

contact the Nate's Place founders to verify contact information and then share the information with Ms. Miller.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves and stated an interest in serving on the Youth Council.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the Options for the Youth Council Multicultural Fair

Multicultural Fair Committee Chair Abhi Humbe reported that 17 booths had registered to participate at the event, along with multiple group performances and student presentations.

Mr. Humbe also stated that Dr. Angelica Chavez had notified the committee that the event flyer had been approved by the Simi Valley Unified School District. He asked that all Youth Council members continue to reach out to cultural clubs on their campuses about participating and to help promote the event by sharing the event flyer.

b. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 17, 2024

Teen Wellness Chair Jasleen Khangura reported that she and Tanvi Ijju had met with TUPE Coordinator, Mrs. Jennifer Wigdor, to discuss items to be ordered for the event.

As mentioned during the last Youth Council meeting, BRITE Youth staff would be collaborating at the Teen Wellness Night and coordinating their "I Choose Me" campaign during the event. Ms. Khangura announced that UCLA Mattel's Children's Hospital had also signed up to attend the event.

Members discussed renewing Unplugged Day.

Ms. Khangura reported that some teachers had committed to offering their students extra credit for attending Teen Wellness Night.

Members discussed the event flyer for the Yogurtland restaurant fundraiser and selected to reuse the previous year's flyer.

Members were asked to encourage clubs, businesses and organizations to participate in the Teen Wellness Night by reserving a booth space at www.bit.ly/2024teenwellness.

c. Discussion of the Annual Talent Show on Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Youth Council members provided updates on their fundraising efforts in securing event sponsorships and silent auction donations. Members that had not received any donations, were asked to bring in raffle-type items, with a \$25.00 value, to the Talent Show run-through on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Talent Show Vice Chair Anika Nedunuri reviewed the assigned Talent Show roles.

Ms. Miller reported that Bethany Spielman was not available to be a judge. The three confirmed judges were Anthony Angelini, John Dantona, and Lianie Llaguno.

Members discussed the Talent Show category groupings for cash prize distribution and selected to separate solo instrumental and vocal groups.

Ms. Miller announced that only a total of 85 seats were still available for purchase.

Sanjeev Akundi stated that Starbuck's would donate two traveler containers of coffee for the concessions stand.

Fundraising Chair Jacob Salvanera stated that the committee had discussed the idea of selling performance grams at the event.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of the of the Youth Council's Participation at the YES Job and Career Fair on Saturday, April 20, 2024

Chair Jagannathan reviewed the Youth Council's past participation at the annual Job and Career Fair, from running a booth to helping with check-in and other roles.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council's Participation at the YES Job and Career Fair on Saturday, April 20, 2024, was made by Abhi Humbe and seconded by Pranav Bijith.

Youth Council Vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

The following individuals volunteered to represent the Youth Council at the Job and Career Fair:

From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Simran Dhillon and Rylan Downey; and

From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Sanjeev Akundi, Pranav Bijith, Abhi Humbe, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, Sanchita Karthik, Jasleen Khangura, Claire Menges, Anika Nedunuri, Divya Nunna, and Jacob Salvanera.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Vice Chair Jasleen Khangura stated that the committee had discussed creating a promotional reel for the Roots and Rhythm Multicultural Fair.

Youth Summit Vice Chair Kalyssa Ro stated that the next Youth Summit committee meeting would be held at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, April 8, 2024.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Miller thanked Kalyssa and Saydee Ro for their work preparing a finale act for the Talent Show.

Ms. Miller also reminded members that the Talent Show run-through would be from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. She stated that

dinner and refreshments would be provided. Ms. Miller asked members to arrive as early as they could after school.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.