



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Simi Valley Senior Center
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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 23, 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. Teen Advisory Group and Other Volunteer Opportunities at the Simi Valley Public Library

7. Continued Business

a. Debrief of the Teen Wellness Night on May 17, 2024

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Selection of the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee

b. Discussion of Hosting an Escape Room Event

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.



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, June 4th, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

/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 5:01 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Anika Nedunuri took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School Rep	P	Ethan Bhat	P	Jacob Peter Salvanera
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Pranav Bijith		
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P*	Abhishek Humbe	P	Saydee Ro
P	Advaith Nair-SSHS	P	Tanvi Ijju		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	
P*	Jiya Bhatt-HMS	E	Ian Nelson		
P	Rylan Downey-SMS	P*	Divya Nunna		
P	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Management Analyst.

Guests: Lisa Hemenway, Director of Wellbeing, Adventist Health Simi Valley; Samantha Lunsford, Food Operations Manager, Adventist Health Simi Valley; Students Prithika Bijith, Lasya Cherukupalli, Mahie Daga, Kirtan Ijju, Sahana Jetely, Serena Jetely, Nishta Kubsad, Adithi Muralidas, Khushi Patel, and Anagha Vishnubhotla.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the April 2, 2024, minutes as written was made by Sanjeev Akundi and seconded by Simran Dhillon.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Miller stated that she had received correspondence from Talent Show participant, Pi James, who stated that he had a great experience at the event, and he was already looking forward to the 2025 Talent Show. Mr. James donated his \$250 cash prize to the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

5. Public Statements/Comments

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

6. Informational Presentation

a. Adventist Health Simi Valley's Art From the Heart

Adventist Health Simi Valley's Director of Wellbeing, Lisa Hemenway, and Food Operations Manager, Samantha Lunsford, gave an overview of a new project they were starting called "Art from the Heart". Spearheaded by Ms. Lunsford, the creative program was designed to increase patient wellbeing and the patient experience. Community members were asked to make cards for patients in the hospital, which would be distributed to patients during meal service.

Ms. Tignac would share the digital program flyer with Youth Council members. Ms. Miller also recommended that the Art from the Heart program offer volunteers service hours for participating. Youth Council members discussed having an Art from the Heart service project booth at the Teen Wellness Night.

7. Continued Business

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

Tanvi Ijju reported that the Teen Wellness Night committee had met with Mrs. Wigdor to discuss the event budget and coordinate event purchases. Ms. Ijju also stated that volunteers were needed to film multiple event promotional videos at 10:00 a.m., on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at Rancho Tapo Park. Sanjeev Akundi, Jiya Bhatt, Rylan Downey, Abhi Humbe, AJ, Aadi Nair, Anika Nedunuri, and Jacob Salvanera volunteered.

Ms. Ijju announced that 17 booths were registered to participate at the event. She also asked that all members continue encouraging clubs and organizations to sign up to host booths.

Ms. Miller reported that the event flyer had been shared with all middle and high schools. Aadi volunteered to coordinate sharing the flyer via Santa Susana High School's newsletter. Sanjeev Akundi and Jiya Bhatt would share the flyer with Valley View Middle School and Hillside Middle School, respectively.

Ms. Ijju reported that two pairs of Airpod Pros had been purchased to be given away the night of the event: one for the Unplugged Day winner and one for the BINGO sheet activity winner.

All members to arrive the day of the event for set-up at 4:00 p.m. Jasleen Khangura would send out event assignments prior to the event scheduled on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

b. Debrief of the Annual Talent Show on April 17, 2024

Jacob Salvanera stated that the event was a big success even though it went over three hours. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

Members discussed offering “congratulation grams to performers” for an additional fundraising idea and limiting the number of acts to reduce the length of the show, hold the Talent Show on a Friday night, and slightly raising ticket prices.

Sanjeev Akundi suggested selling the left-over concessions items during the upcoming Teen Wellness Night.

Mr. Salvanera announced that \$2,785 had been raised.

8. New Business

a. Discussion of Options for Donations and Contributions Received for the Youth Council Program

Youth Council members discussed items to purchase with money fundraised to improve future events, including a lavalier microphone for video interviews, a quality speaker system for events, and a communication system for Talent Show and Youth Town Hall.

Ms. Miller stated that \$3,400 was available.

ACTION: A motion to research and purchase a lavalier microphone, a quality speaker system with microphone, and a communication system for Talent Show and Youth Town Hall was made by Abhishek Humbe and seconded by Sanchita Karthik.

Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions.

The motion passed.

b. Debrief of the Roots and Rhythm Multicultural Fair on April 12, 2024

Multicultural Fair Chair Abhi Humbe stated that the event went well with 12 booths and multiple performances. Roughly 200 people attended and \$200 in donations were received for James Storehouse. Mr. Humbe also stated that the dance performances and presentations were well received.

Mr. Humbe announced that Madame Mortine stated that she would like to host the event again next year. Members discussed ways to improve event advertising and seating options. Other improvement ideas discussed, included having more communication with booth hosts prior to the event, and reduce the space between the booths.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Ella McCrossan, Social Media Chair, announced that the next Social Media Committee meeting would be held at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 16, 2024, to discuss promotion for Teen Wellness Night.

Jacob Salvanera, Fundraising Chair, stated that the next committee meeting would be held at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Aadi Nair, Youth Summit Chair, stated that the committee had met and discussed ideas for improving the Youth Town Hall, including drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Institute and Foundation to outline each organization's responsibilities, reduce the time allotted for moderated questions, increase time allotted for audience questions, increase event promotion to teachers and school administrators.

Jasleen Khangura, Teen Wellness Night Chair, asked Youth Council members to help promote the event with peers. Ms. Khangura also reminded members to arrive at 4:00 p.m. for set-up on Friday, May 17, 2024.

Jacob Salvanera requested that a discussion of hosting an Escape Room be added to May 21, 2024, Youth Council meeting agenda.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Miller stated that Council Member Elaine Litster had been appointed to serve on the returning member interview panel. The following outgoing Youth Council members stated an interest in serving on the interview panel; Abhishek Jagannathan, Ella McCrossan, Anika Nedunuri, and Jacob Salvanera.

Ms. Miller congratulated the Youth Council on an amazing week that included the Talent Show, Multicultural Fair, and Job and Career Fair. She thanked all members for their hard work and time.

Ms. Miller reported that Tanvi Ijju did an amazing job presenting the Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on Monday, April 20, 2024. The City Council members also commented their appreciation of all that Youth Council does for the community.

Ms. Miller wished all members well on their upcoming advanced placement exams.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.