



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

AGENDA

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
4. Correspondence
5. Public Statements/Comments
This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
6. Informational Presentation
Simi Valley Youth Employment Service
7. Continued Business
Debrief of 2014 Youth Summit
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the Teens in the Driver Seat's Safe Teen Driving Program
 - b. Discussion of Youth Council Recruitment
 - c. Discussion Regarding Rescheduling/Canceling the May 6, 2014, Youth Council Meeting
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, April 15, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., *Simi Valley Senior Center.

/s/

Rob Bruce

Deputy Director/Community Programs & Facilities

*Please note the change in meeting location.

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Youth Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6766. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.



DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Cory Edwards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Nicole Waggoner verified that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Apollo High School	A	Amanat Bal	P	Nicole Waggoner
E	Emily Schmitt-RHS	P	Nicholas Becerra	Alternates	
E	Nick Steinwender-RHS	P	Cory Edwards	P	Katie Johnson
A	Robert Hidalgo-SSHS	P	Hannah Hernandez	V	Vacant
P	Veronica Martinez-SSHS	P*	Jeffrey Ho	V	Vacant
E	Garrett Gilson-SVHS	E	Tyler Johnson		
P	Kailey Printz-SVHS	P	Nicolas Judge	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P*	Zalma Quezada-HMS	P	Kellie McManamon		
P	Connor Mullen-SMS	P	Leah Nohrenberg		
P	Janelle Effarah-VVMS	P	Nicolas Mintzer		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Kristen Schulte and Elana Marino, Moorpark College Journalism students; Timothy Ho, Alex Judge, and Teddy Tang.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the March 4, 2014, minutes as written was made by Veronica Martinez and seconded by Katie Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that correspondence was received from the 2014 Youth Summit motivational speaker, Patrick Maurer, thanking the Youth Council for the opportunity to come back and be a part of the event. He stated that he loved the work the group is doing.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Informational Presentation

Ventura County Foster Parent Association

Ventura County Foster Parent Association (VCFPA) Board member, Lisa Pugh, gave a brief overview of the VCFPA program and the inception of Rachael's Closet three years ago. Located in Ventura, Rachael's Closet is similar to a retail store where foster youth may go and shop for clothing and accessories at no cost. All items are donated by individuals and businesses throughout Ventura County to help foster children and their foster or kinship care families.

Mrs. Pugh stated that 1,300 children were currently in the foster care system in Ventura County and that Simi Valley has roughly 260 active foster families.

Mrs. Pugh also stated that most children that enter the foster care system usually are brought to the foster families with just the clothes on their backs. For these foster youth, the VCFPA puts together care bags that include; new overnight pajamas, clothing for two days and various toiletry items. For more information or to donate new or gently used clothing or other needed items, visit www.vcfpa.com

7. Continued Business

Debrief of 2014 Youth Summit

Ms. Tignac thanked all Youth Council members again for their efforts in making the 2014 Youth Summit a success.

Ms. Tignac shared additional feedback received from the Youth Summit participant evaluations regarding the participant's favorite part of the event, new things they learned and how they intend to become more involved in the community.

Each Youth Council member was asked to state two positive comments about the event and one recommendation for improvement. A group discussion followed regarding recommendations for improvement to implement for the 2015 Youth Summit. The following recommendations were selected:

- Seat dignitaries first prior to the luncheon allowing them to pick the topics of their choice and to even the adult to student ratio at each table;
- Invite topic specialists to join small groups during the second breakout session to provide insight and information; and
- Greater focus on promotion of the event by Youth Council members to increase attendance.

Ms. Tignac also announced the final participation numbers by school. She stated that Simi Valley High School earned "bragging rights" for having the most students participate at the 2014 Youth Summit. She stated that it was a close race with the following final student attendance counts; 30 from Simi Valley High School, 27 from Santa Susana High School, 26 from Royal High School, five from Apollo, five from Grace Brethren High School, three from Bishop Alemany

High School, one each from the following; Chaminade College Preparatory, Monte Vista School and general home school, as well as three students from Hillside Middle School, one from Sinaloa Middle School, one from St. Paschal Baylon School, and one from Valley View Middle School.

To address the Youth Council's prioritized issues and solutions related to bullying, the following Youth Council members volunteered to continue serving on the Anti-Bullying committee: Nicholas Becerra, Katie Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Nicolas Judge, Veronica Martinez, Kellie McManamon, Nicolas Mintzer, Leah Nohrenberg, Zalma Quezada and Nick Steinwender.

To address the Youth Council's prioritized issues and solutions related to alcohol and drug use prevention, the following Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the Underage Drinking and Drug Use Prevention committee: Cory Edward, Veronica Martinez, Leah Nohrenberg.

8. New Business

Presentation of Donations Collected at the 2014 Youth Summit to the Ventura County Foster Parent Association

Youth Council Chair Cory Edwards reported that the 2014 Youth Summit's community service project of a donation drive to benefit foster youth in Ventura County received an impressive 10 new pajamas for overnight care bags, more than 170 new and gently used clothing items, more than 40 games, toys and books, and an assortment of baby items, including diapers and formula.

The Youth Council presented Lisa Pugh with the Ventura County Foster Parent Association all of the donations collected from Youth Summit participants and Youth Council members.

Mrs. Pugh thanked the Youth Council and Youth Summit participants for their generosity and support of foster youth.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Veronica Martinez reported that she and Nick Steinwender had led a workshop about the work the 2013-14 Youth Council has done to address bullying and teen suicide in Simi Valley at the 2014 Leaders in Life annual Youth Conference in Bakersfield, California. She stated that 115 middle and high school students were in their workshop group and that it was a great experience.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac announced that recruitment for the 2014-15 Youth Council term has begun and current Youth Council members interested in re-applying should complete Youth Council applications by April 15, 2014.

Ms. Tignac reminded the following Youth Council members that volunteered to distribute flyers notifying residents and businesses located near the planned Every Fifteen Minutes crash site that they would meet in the front parking lot of

Simi Valley High School at 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 5, 2014. During the March 4 Youth Council meeting, the following members had volunteered to distribute flyers: Veronica Martinez, Kellie McManamon, Zalma Quezada, Emily Schmitt, and Nick Steinwender. Nicole Waggoner stated that she could no longer volunteer due to a prior commitment.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.