

## SLC Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Meeting called to order: 4:03 pm

Attendance: Abby Hughes, Alexa Backus, Drew, Amanda Woods, Cole Siebels, Emma Rutley, Nicole A. Terminelli, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Adam Simmons, John Tenbusch, William Eckert

- Approval for February Meeting Minutes (Motion to Approve: Cole Siebels, Second: Drew) - Motion Passed
- Guest Leandra Smollin from SUNY Potsdam Sociology Department
  - Recruiting for a study with rural youth (interviews)
  - Text Anna: 315-400-0478
  - Email Leandra: [smollilm@potsdam.edu](mailto:smollilm@potsdam.edu)
  - Visit: <http://bitly.ws/9QFd> for more information
  - Research to make teens feel like their voices are heard in the community in terms of politics and activism
  - Spread the word, looking to talk with teens aged 14 to 18
  - Policies and procedures in place for confidentiality
- Guest John Tenbusch: Willing to work with youth committee on Trash Dash
  - Environment Management Company (EMC) 50th Year Anniversary
  - Creative suggestions and ideas for collaboration
  - Green Star “Environmentally Ethical” Business Potential Ad Campaign
  - Email: [jtenbusch@stlawco.org](mailto:jtenbusch@stlawco.org)
- Drew: Reviewed “Reducing Your Carbon Footprint in St. Lawrence County” slides presentation
  - Agriculture and Farmland Development Program
- Guest William Eckert: Adult Program Coordinator for the Potsdam Public Library
  - Reaching younger folks in the community
  - Email: [weckert@potsdamlibrary.org](mailto:weckert@potsdamlibrary.org)
- Pen Pal Program
  - Looking for older population seniors, as well as youth
- Trash Dash Planning
  - Cole: Applied for and Receiving \$250 Hershey’s Global Service Day Grant
  - Weekend of April 24th and 25th, potentially three-hour limit
  - Shift to Adopt a Highway Program
    - Condensing liability
    - Keeping safety in mind
    - Supplying safety gear and trash bags, bottled water, snacks, maybe work gloves
    - Five locations (waiting to hear from Gouverneur and Potsdam on parking)
  - Online registration form will be released as soon as exact parking locations are known
  - Saturday: Gouverneur, Canton, Potsdam, and Sunday: Ogdensburg, Massena
  - Asking for adult volunteers at Youth Advisory Board tomorrow, Safety training necessary
  - COVID safety precautions, Photo release authorization
- Abby and Alexa: Trash Dash Logo Option C won the meeting vote!

Meeting Adjourned: 5:09 pm