

SLC Youth Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 27th, 2020 11am via zoom
Meeting Called to Order at 11:04 am

Attendance

- Attendees: Alexa Backus, Casey Canell, Terri Gilmour, Ellen Hurlbut, Amber Sullivan, Pam Lewis, Nicole Terminelli. Michele James, Scott Quinell, Joanne Sevick Youth attendees: Cole Siebels, Amanda Woods
- Youth attendance for YAB is optional. The youth committee's Chairman, Cole Siebels, will attend monthly and provide updates. In his absence, the committee's Vice Chairman, Hailey Williamson will attend and provide the update.

Minute Approval

- Minutes Approval: Thursday, July 30th YAB minutes approved, Motion to approve by Terri Gilmour Second by Amber Sullivan, Motion passed

Youth Bureau Report

- Monthly BYD (Bureau of Youth Development) meeting-No meetings in July or August. Resumes in September
- No funding allocations available yet, hopefully soon!
- New York State Youth Council Representative Sarah Church
 - Has been attending council meetings with a few absences
 - Brian Chetney, Youth Bureau Director from Oswego, reported that 17 students represent the Central and Southern Tier on the Youth Council. (This includes St Lawrence County) Students have been reviewing Policy and working on the topic **Youth Violence and CyberBullying**. They had a guest speaker last week and are preparing to present to New York State next month.
- YAB updated By Laws were presented and approved at August 10th Services meeting with County Legislators. Youth Bureau also discussed plans of developing a "Friends of" or Foundation to support grant seeking for youth in St. Lawrence County. It was well received.
- Youth Committee meeting was held on August 13th. Cole Siebels, YC Chairman, will provide feedback.

New Business

- **Youth Committee Feedback-Cole Siebels**
 - Ice Breaker centered on everyone's thoughts and feelings about heading back to school in September having to wear masks throughout a full school day.
 - Figuring out new normal, keeping anxiety and concerns balanced, glasses fogging, and that everyone may not be as supportive about wearing masks
 - Reviewed and discussed a slogan to support our mask initiative. Hailey Williamson offered **"It's Your Task to Wear a Mask"** and everyone voted it in
 - Discussed allowing members access to social media-Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube and appropriate conduct
 - Meetings during the school year will take place at 4:00 pm instead of 3pm to allow a few members time to make themselves available. (Youth Committee)
 - Moving forward, attendance (by youth) is optional for the YAB meetings with the exception of Chairman. (Vice Chairman during Chairman's absence)
 - Lastly, the committee decided to have the Youth Advisory Board to be final judges for the mask design contest.
 - Voting will take place at the September YAB meeting scheduled for Sept 24th at 3:00 pm
 - Next **Youth Committee** meeting scheduled for **September 23rd 3:00 pm via Zoom**

- Next meeting vote on **Position Assignments** or during Annual Meeting in January- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary for YAB due to limited attendance today

- **SLC Grants Manager, Heidi Ames, provided feedback on developing a "Friends of" 501C3**
 - Establishing a "Friends of" allows access to private foundation funds that county entities don't have access to
 - Could the Youth Bureau request an appropriation for startup? –Question for Ruth or Renee Cole
 - Letters need to be developed and sent out to Key and Rotary Clubs in lieu of fundraising
 - By Laws need to be established-Alexa working with another Youth Bureau to obtain a copy
 - Attorney fees approximate \$3000 for Secretary of State filing, 1st, 2nd Quarter filings
 - Nicole Terminelli recommended that we have specific Project Ideas developed before approaching Key and Rotary Clubs
 - It was also recommended that OCFS, Matt Newman, is contacted for "Blessing" to ensure establishing a Friends Of wont affect state funding through the state.

- **Next YAB meeting Thursday, September 24th 3:00 pm via zoom**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:41 am

