

Minutes
Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council
September 12, 2022
3:30-5:00 P.M

Minutes of the MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL held on Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 3:30p.m. in the Youth and Family Services Building (4201 N. Hayden Rd.).

Members Present (21):

Fatimah Amer
Delaney Brassell
Georgia Bukata
Nathan Cai
Dylan Capshaw
David Coakley
Noah Gimbel
Adelina Grotenhuis
Rushil Jain
Trex Jones
Andrew Kang
Isha Karthik
Raywon Kim
Sophia Lin
Bhavya Makkar
Kovida Peram
Amutha Rajasundaram
Delia Riley
Simone Rothaupt
Caitlin Ulreich-Power
Tessa Wachtel

Members Absent (10):

Arsema Abraham
Andrew Yang
Avery Beckman
Ethan Bloch
Madison Honigman
Derrick Kang
Kylee Novack
Olivia Rubin
Laura Wang
Zach Zhang

City Staff Present (1):

Kristine Hahn-McDonald

Call to order

Trex Jones, called the meeting to order at 3:35 P.M.

Attendance Roll Call

SMYC Secretary, Rushil Jain.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Trex Jones.

Review and approval of minutes

Meeting minutes will be reviewed at the 9-26-2022 meeting.

Agenda Item 1- Welcome

SMYC Advisor Kristy Hahn-McDonald, SMYC President Trex Jones

Agenda Item 2- Housekeeping Items

Volunteer Application and Policies Document (Purpose and By-Laws; Ethical Guidelines) to turn in.

Get new SMYC T-shirt.

Agenda Item 3- Review of League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Students who attended to report opinion of conference and share with others.

- Three speakers on mental health; agricultural careers after high school discussion; met with Oro Valley and Tempe Youth Groups.
- Instagram ideas: Youth of Scottsdale
 - Tailor to subcommittees
- Should include other topics beyond mental health to incorporate group member interests better.

Agenda Item 4-Education Break Off Session

Practical Education - led by Nathan Cai

Equity and Representation - led by Georgia Bukata

College/Future Prep - led by Simone Rothaupt

Questions to ask members:

What are our goals for this year in each of these sub committees?

Are there additional entities we need to get involved?

How do we want to apply these concepts to the Youth Town Hall?

Brainstorm action items to prepare for the Youth Town Hall.

Equity and Representation

- Children with disabilities and learning disorders (middle school)
 - Need same opportunities as other students
- Children from immigrant families and first generation students facing language barriers do not have role models
- Children that have been abused or neglected
 - Make process more affordable, targeting secondary education
- Social media posts may not be effective at reaching disadvantaged groups.
 - Maybe partner with school districts like SUSD and place flyers at grocery stores, libraries, etc
 - Focus on prominent individuals including teachers and parents
 - Speak at teacher meetings to raise awareness
- Partner with nonprofits to offer tutoring and other supportive services
- Reach out to SUSD middle school principals and communicate with Indian Reservation (partner with Youth Council on Indian Reservation)
- Scottsdale area is generally economically well-off and does not include many low income and underprivileged students

Practical Education

- Pamphlet (informative) created using Canva to focus on providing practical knowledge that many schools do not offer
- Interviewing experts in financial literacy and job seeking to know “what is it like to have a job?”
- Contact SUSD for announcements and flyers
- Provide links to sources and information on the City website
- Host seminars on practical education (ex. Interviewing techniques) through platforms such as Zoom

College/Future Preparation

- Action items:
 - Timeline of checkpoints throughout high school based on age
 - Document to hand out at Youth Town Hall or available online (worksheet)
 - Have former SMYC members talk about their experience with college applications.
 - Documents for list of scholarships, extracurricular opportunities, tips for test taking, and essay writing
 - EVIT program at SUSD
 - Check if resources exist by visiting schools to check if this is already being done

Agenda Item 5-Wrap Up: Future Meeting Reminders

-September 26th: Meet at Scottsdale City Court - Tour court and meet Judge Bayardi

-October 3rd: General Meeting - Presentation by Lisa McNeill on Sustainability

-October 22nd: Adopt a Road Event - meet at Scottsdale Quarter

Motion to Adjourn Meeting - President Trex Jones

Meeting adjourned by President Trex Jones at 5:01 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by: Rushil Jain, SMYC Secretary

Minutes Reviewed by: YFS Manager Kristy Hahn-McDonald, MSW, LCSW

Trex Jones, President
Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Commission