YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
marin county youth commission

## MEETING MINUTES

Marin County Civic Center, Room 410B
Tuesday, January $17^{\text {th }}, 2017$
In Attendance: Abby, Vaughan, Elise, Christian, Ethan, Sarah, Nick, Josh, Ruby, Brooke, Jonathan, Kylie, Omree

## Absent: Noah, Henry

## 6:30pm - Meeting Called to Order

- Call to order/Roll call; Approval of Agenda
- Time for public expression (3 minute limit $p / p$ )
* Call to order/Roll call; Approval of Agenda \& Minutes

Only Noah and Henry are absent
Agenda: Abby motions, Vaughn seconds. 13-0 in favor. Motion passes.
Minutes: Jonathan motions to approve, Christian seconds. 13-0 in favor. Motion passes

* Time for public expression (3-minute limit per person)

Natalie the librarian: talked to John Hutchinson from Marin Academy (one of the history teachers) and want to share oral histories at library. Want to offer to youth commission to share findings with the community in another way.

Omree: Happy with his grades that just came out.

* Commissioner Reports

Ethan: Went to a Marin Food Policy Council Meeting. Noticed how they run the meetings (very quick with decisions). Guest speaker from Oakland Food policy Council about how passed tax on sweet beverages and was a "war against soda". Soda companies spent $\$ 20$ million to stop policy from being on the ballot, but still passed.

Ruby: Attended CVNL Heart of Marin Awards. YLI won an award and money. Noah won Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. Did a great job!

| 6:40pm - 6:55pm Welcome/Opening <br> - Introductions <br> - Icebreaker <br> - Review Agreements | * Introductions and Icebreaker (10 minutes) <br> Icebreaker: Write three things about yourself on index card, get one from the middle, and then try to guess who you have. <br> Guest: Steven from 4H. Came to the meeting to check out the work that we do and see how we run things. <br> * Group Agreements Review |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 7:000pm - 8:10pm - New } \\ & \text { Business } \end{aligned}$ | * Creating a Work Plan: Backwards Planning (35 mins) <br> - Different method than the last action planning time that we had. Backwards plan: Set goal at the beginning and then work from that to figure out what to do to make that happen. <br> - What do we need to do to get to our goal? Hope: to write down date for each action and who will do it.Each sub-committee wrote down their goal and then looked to where should be during each part of the planning process <br> - Calendar for Backwards Planning: <br> - September-November: Capacity Building: getting to know the other commissioners and the goals for the year as a sub-committee <br> - December-January: Assessment phase: looking at own gathered data and then other areas relating to plan/goal <br> - February-March: Planning the implementation phase and putting in the work <br> - April-May: Implementation: End goal happening and being implemented <br> - May-June: Evaluation: look back on work that you did and evaluate yourselves as a group. <br> Note from Co-Chairs: <br> There has been an issue of accountability within the sub-committees, and Ruby and Ethan want the commission members to reflect on their involvement in their sub-committees to be their best selves. The expectation is that we meet in person because it is difficult to get things done over Skype. The commitment to MCYC is more about the young people that the group represents than being an extracurricular. |

- New Applicants for MCYC (25 mins)
- The group received applications from several people who want to join the group halfway through the term year. Thoughts?
- Ethan: Wanted to point out: the commission is on the low side of the numbers, and we are at the minimum number of people.
- Josh: There were many more people (around the 30s) that weren't accepted to be on the commission because they couldn't attend the first two events. These people won't have attended these things, so it might not be fair to others.
- Vaughan: Introducing the information from the retreats would be a little bit inconsistent with our previous policy. That would have had to be announced that you can apply halfway through the year because we don't want anyone to feel cheated who applied earlier.
- Jonathan: Disagrees because by having more people to show up it might be better to make the work happen when it needs to. Sounds to him like the people were chosen or given the opportunity from other leadership groups and would have the skills they need without the retreat.
- Nick: Better to have more people to show up and get more things done.
- Ruby: Change way to get commissioners for next year. If we change the policy right now, what does that mean for the people who couldn't apply earlier? How do we maintain that throughout later years? Also: haven't interviewed the students so don't know what they are like yet. If we did allow these people in, how would we convey that to the public? Maybe give a one time window for all people to apply for half a term. Would take too long to get everyone on.
- Ethan: Need to increase how adverstise MCYC that goes along with the diversity that we need to increase. Shouldn't sacrifice turning down commissioners just based on timeline restrictions from earlier. Might give a fresh perspective on our work.
- Vaughan: Would be dishonest and disrespectful to the people who couldn't come onto MCYC. Have to think about the consequences for the commission and others about how MCYC is perceived.

Vote: Josh makes a motion to decline the applications of the applying commissioners, Sarah seconded the motion. In favor: 8 , Opposed: 5 . Motion passed to decline the applications.

- Bay Area Human Race (10 mins)
- Ways to incorporate more people into going?

|  | - Date: May 13th and starts around 8am <br> - Initially Interested: Jonathan, Elise, Ruby, Ethan, Sarah, Nick, Omree, Abby, Josh, Vaughn, Christian, Kylie, Brooke <br> - Matching donors? Get to raise money for YLI and had collective gear that Vaughan designed. |
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| 8:10pm - 8:15pm - <br> Announcements | - Next MCYC Meeting is Jan. 31, 2017 <br> - Next Cabinet Meeting Jan. 23, 2017 |
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| 8:20pm - 8:30pm Closing and Adjourn | Vaughan moves to adjourn the meeting, Ruby seconded the motion. 13-0 in favor. |
| Additional Notes: | TO DO: <br> - Email out: <br> - Minutes to MCYC |

