

MEETING MINUTES

Marin County Civic Center, Room 410B
 Tuesday, August 29th, 2017

In Attendance: Kat, Brooke, Ethan, Alex, Elise, Henry, Nick, Talia, Kenya, Lola, Emma, Rohan , Julia, Micherice, Ruby, Diego, Abby, Gabe, Marlowe, Josh, Daniel, DJ

Absent: Vaughan

<p>6:30pm – Meeting Called to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order/Roll call; Approval of Agenda • Time for public expression (3 minute limit p/p) • Commissioner Reports 	<p>Call to order/Roll call; Approval of Agenda & Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to change the agenda to reflect what occurs in the meeting: Ruby motions, Ethan seconds. • Approve the agenda: Josh motions, Marlowe seconds. • Approve the amendments: Elise motions, Ethan seconds. <p>Time for public expression (3-minute limit per person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy plays softball and struck out and is disappointed • Ethan went surfing after school and got a cramp when a wave hit. • Nick’s football team beat the reigning state champions. • Daniel’s football also won. <p>Commissioner Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan - Yesterday, food justice had a taste testing at Marin Oaks. Adult allies didn’t follow-through but there was good response. Now they need to get nutritional services on their side. • Ruby - She has been meeting with HHS. They are making meeting more accessible. They are also working on moving SHO into different municipalities. The meeting are at 20 N San Pedro Rd.
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<p>6:40pm – 6:55pm –Welcome/Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions ● Icebreaker ● Review Agreements 	<p>Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each commissioner shared their name and the district they represent. ● Melissa is a adult allie mentor. Works for CVNL. ● Natalie is Teen Services Librarian. She helps us reserve this space. <p>Icebreaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Each commissioner writes on an index card about one of four things and shares it with a small group. <p>Review Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commissioners brainstorm ideas for group agreements. ● Step up, Step back/ Respectful/ Acknowledge and be open minded/ One mike, one dive/ Respect the space/ Ouch, oops, sorry, educate, “I” statements
<p>6:55pm – 7:00pm – Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No old business

7:00pm – 8:10pm – New Business

Brown Act Video

- Wendy - It is something that all legislative bodies have to follow. It tells us how meetings need to be run.
- The handout(Brown Act Cheat Sheet) is read out.
- Brown Act Training Video is watched.

Updating Bylaws

- Wendy - Currently our bylaws dictate that there is a maximum of 20 commissioners and we have 23. He have to vote to change our bylaws to reflect our new commissioner.
- Ruby - Voting isn't a vital aspect of our work so if we have non-voting members it means they will be doing the same amount of work but not be able to vote. The BOS decided to vote to appoint a commissioner.
- Wendy - The applicant pool was very tough. We are trying to use this as a bargaining chip if they want to appoint more members, we can ask for more resources.
- Motion to change our bylaws from having 20 commissioners and 2 non-voting members to having 23 voting commissioners: Elise motions, Lola seconds.
- Wendy - Our bylaws state that there are two reps from each district and 10 at-large members. We would like all commissioners to be at-large members.
- Lola - I don't want there to be too many members of one district. Why don't we add it to the part that says that we are looking for ethnically and culturally diverse youth.
- Ethan - We are from a certain district and the two people that represent is kind of a formality. The motion would be getting rid of that formality.
- Elise - I don't think that changing it will change the fact that they have a equal representation.
- Wendy - We don't recruit the way we do because of the bylaws. It is a formality. The process has been different this year because now the supervisors, they decided to vote on the district reps which doesn't allow us to discuss. Supervisor Arnold wanted us to change this.
- Ethan - It is important to have equal opportunities in writing in some way. Maybe it could say that we all represent the district that we are from.
- Wendy - I don't agree with the way that it was done but they decided to do what they did. In the bylaws, the language matters. What do we want to add to the language?
- Ruby - I agree with Lola's idea. Priority will be places on commissioners from diverse districts.
- Rohan - Should we change it so there is a minimum number of commissions?
- Ethan - I think that saying that there should be two, it would make more voices be able to be heard.

- Lola - We could also say no more than a certain number from a single district.
- Kat - We could make it a ratio.
- Ruby - Sometimes, there isn't a lot of people who apply from certain districts. We wouldn't be able to accept the same amount of people. I think that if we have a limit at the bottom end, we can mandate that a certain amount of things are possible without limits.
- Kenya - When we say minimum two, what would happen if two didn't apply.
- Wendy - We do everything possible to make sure that doesn't happen.
- Ruby - Is there anything else that people would like to change about the bylaws.
- Lola - I think that the language should be changed to they/their.
- Motion to change the fact that all 23 will be at large commissioners: Ethan motions, Josh seconds.
- Lola - They would be more simple so it applies to everyone.
- Rohan - Would it extend beyond the bylaws?
- Ethan - I think we are just talking about the bylaws.
- Motion to change the bylaws to gender neutral language: Elise motions, Lola seconds.
- Lola - It says that the calendar is from Sep to June. We should change it to when school starts.
- Motion for the calendar to be from August to June: Lola motions, Ruby seconds.

Committee selections:

- We aren't doing the majority vote model. This process is going to be messy because we have to relinquish control and let the group decide. These are the issues that we want to focus on. Commissioners will stand beside the issues that they want to work on. It is up to y'all to decide what issues you want.
- Committee selected: Social justice community training, affordable housing, ATOD, Education Equity.
- Wendy - What are the criteria that can make a successful campaign?
- Josh - Is it relevant to our community?
- Ethan - Is there work already being done in our community?
- Kenya - Is it feasible in power/time/resources?
- Lola - Does it address a specific problem?
- Ruby - Are we doing prevention based campaigns?
- Emma - That is important but we need to not limit ourselves to prevention campaigns.
- Marlowe - Are there motivated allies?
- Lola - We shouldn't make it a bad idea if there are no motivated allies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy - Does it engage other youth outside of MCYC? Research things that involve your commission. At our next meeting, we vote for cabinet so come prepared with a one minute speech. • Wendy - What do we think about the Bioneers conference.
8:10pm – 8:15pm – Announcements	
8:15pm – 8:20pm – Clean Up	
8:20pm – 8:30pm Closing and Adjourn	·Lola motions to adjourn. Josh seconds.
Additional Notes:	TO DO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send announcements via email