





## **MEETING MINUTES**

Marin County Civic Center, Room 401 Tuesday, February 28, 2017

In Attendance: Christian, Nick, Josh, Ruby, Brooke, Kylie, Omree

Absent: Ethan, Henry, Noah, Vaughan, Abby, Elise

## 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
  - Call to order at 6:41pm
  - Christian motions to amend the agenda to move fundraising training and public speaking to next week; Omree seconds; motion passes
  - Omree motions to approve minutes; Christian seconds
  - Omree motions to approve amended agenda; Brooke motions to approve the amended agenda
- Time for public expression (3-minute limit per person)
  - Natalie Mallet: The library is hosting a Teen Advisory Group. We would like
    to have teens give input on furniture for example, but also how we can
    improve the library to better serve youth in Marin
  - Omree: Has magnetic shoelaces, not cause he's lazy but because it's a time saver
  - Ruby: Had a free break, did a whole bunch of cleaning, won an argument with my friends about how some grammar rules are not important
  - Nick: Mother/Son dance was at the same time as a basketball game and mothers came into game and yelled/cheered, it was funny
- Commissioner Reports
  - Omree: Redwood has sent out the A-G surveys
  - Ruby: District 4 met with commissioners and they took a photo; great opportunity and they offered a lot of help. We want to establish ourselves as prominent members of Marin County. If anyone has questions, feel free to reach out

	<ul> <li>Josh: we had a meeting with Judy Arnold. It was a successful meeting and she seems impressed with the work that CMCA is doing and offered that we meet with the Sherriff's office. She also offered insight into assisting Edu equity with their efforts</li> </ul>
6:40pm – 6:55pm – Welcome/Opening	<ul> <li>Introductions and Icebreaker (10 minutes)</li> <li>Objection! Game.</li> <li>Review of Group Agreements</li> </ul>
6:55pm - 7:00pm - Old Business	
7:00pm – 8:10pm – New Business	7:15pm – 8:10pm – New Business  Fundraising Training (45 mins) – rescheduled  MCYC Vacancy (10 mins)  Both Sarah and Jonathan has resigned. [Chair reads letters of resignation]  MCYC reactions  Josh: I am a bit concerned although for whatever reason I have to respect their decisions. I don't want to take it personally or judge them. I respect them for giving the time that they did have.  Christian: I feel left in the dark. I feel uneasy because I am the only one in my district. I understand he had conflicting decisions.  Omree: I understand Sarah's resignation because private high school is hard. Even though MCYC is a huge commitment and it should come fist I agree that school should be a priority as well. I am also balancing multiple priorities.  Ruby: how will this impact your work in the sub-committees  Nick: for FJ it won't have a huge impact because there was a lack of engagement on her part  Kylie: I don't think it will affect us that much. But now the work will be split among less people  Josh: Jonathan had a role on the cabinet.

- Christian: Even though we're half way we need to get new commissioners.
   We are under the limitation. It's a heads up that it's a real option to hire new commissioners mid way through.
- Omree: Well, I'm new so I'm getting mixed messages. I'm confused as to why people are leaving.
- Josh: Adding on to that, there are many ways to engage more students in the commission
- Ruby: We're a little behind in getting our goals together. Not getting things
  done. Less about the learning experience and more about the work getting
  done. One of things we can do is talk about how to improve the commission.
- Josh: Something that can be improved to bolster Increase the importance of what we're doing. Making youth believe we're actually doing something. Pressing us a little harder. Increasing the seriousness of the Marin county youth commission. They would know what they are getting themselves into.
- Ruby: One way you can increase the seriousness is one thing is SFYC does is in their bylaws it says that BOS can't pass anything involving youth unless they bring it to the youth commission first.
- Another thing we can do is talk to other YCs about what they do.
- Omree: We should make it so that people can skype into the meetings. We should enforce that a little more. We should also look at the applications and throw their names in a hat to pick from them if commissioners aren't showing up.
- Ruby: there are already 'alternates' in our bylaws. One thing it brings up is recruitment
- Omree: Can we do a speech or something? Beyond Differences has a huge gala every year, same time same place and they have people who can support them. Can we do something like that? Maybe not as informal. People don't have to show up but they can understand what we do for them not to be caught up in 'oh it's all about politics like learning public speaking and learning how to have these life skills. It won't turn people off who are not interested in open house.
- Ruby: There are several options. One of the people who is interested is from district 3 and then do targeted outreach. And also open it up.
- Omree: if there are people who have already applied and were denied?
- Ruby: Well,
- Josh: I'm sorry about the awkwardness

- Christian: I think we should open it up to the wider public it will give us a
  wider reach. We need to find people who are enthusiastic and motivated to
  help us reach our goals.
- Omree: Opening it up will be helpful; we can create a recruitment videos at assemblies. Beyond Differences does it and I wanna say it works exponentially. Especially if people live in certain districts we can host those assemblies.
- Ruby: Should we open the app up to all districts?
- Omree: Can we recruit from all districts? So that others don't feel left out.
- Ruby: What do we want to
- Josh: 1 thing I like is the partnering of our subcommittee with another organization with adults. Something I think that can be improved is our relationship with the board of supervisors.
- Nick: I like how supportive it is and how groups that our committees reach out to take us serious. To improve is being more strict with people who are not pulling their weight.
- Christian: One thing I like is that that in our subcommittee has skype and calls and one thing to strengthen is for adults such as in CMCA to take us more serious.
- Brooke: I like how we are making a difference and we are doing well and better than we can be doing
- Kylie: What I like is I'm gaining more adult allies and more leadership skills. For sub-committee meetings we should have more solid meeting times.
- Ruby: one thing I like is that it gives young people to step up. When high schoolers look at you sideways. It is a great opportunity to grow your leadership skills. We can do a better job is recruitment with diversity in ethnicity and in age. Older folks have different experiences on the commission.
- Omree: I like how we all get to interact with each other and see different point of views. The ice breakers are nice too. Maybe next time in the retreat we should have time dedicated to community building. With more friendship it will feel like less of an obligation and will lead to more investment.
- Ruby: Under a new admin there will be more young people interested in getting involved.

8:10pm – 8:15pm – Announcements	<ul> <li>Teen Advisory Group (TAG)         <ul> <li>The county library is creating a teen advisory group</li> </ul> </li> <li>Next MCYC Meeting is Feb. 28, 2017</li> <li>Next Cabinet Meeting Feb. 21, 2017</li> <li>Planning meeting for the Youth Commission Convention</li> <li>Anna and Wendy are presenting on social norms in the county on March 8th</li> <li>Rodof Shalom is having a speaker on Thursday, February 16th on addiction</li> </ul>
8:15pm – 8:20pm – Clean Up	
8:20pm – 8:30pm Closing and Adjourn	Motion to adjourn by Christian, seconded by Omree, none opposed
Additional Notes:	TO DO:  • Email out:  • Minutes to MCYC

Reach out to Isabelle MCYC Open House Email out flyer and application