

MEETING MINUTES
 Marin County Civic Center, Room 401
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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

Absent: Kenya, Micherice, Diego were tardy

<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> <p>Call to order at 6:33. Motion to approve the minutes: Henry motions, Emma seconds Motion to add time to the agenda to take surveys: Vaughan motions, Julia seconds approve the agenda: Elise motions, Ethan seconds</p> <p>Time for public expression (3-minute limit per person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaughan: He took his first driving lesson and only got honked at twice. • Julia: There was a bomb threat at Redwood. • Marlowe: He got tickets to see his favorite jazz band. • Nick: MC has its first anly game. <p>Commissioner Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma: ATOD went to their first meeting to learn how to create emails. • Marlowe: There was an FNL meeting
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<p>6:40pm – 6:55pm –Welcome/Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions ● Icebreaker ● Review ● Agreements <p>Fresno Youth Commission</p>	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Icebreaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lola: We are going to talk about family rules. On the yellow post-it, right down a family rule that you followed and on the orange on write a rule that you didn't like and tried to break. Crumple up your post its and put it on this plate. Then we are going to pass the plate around and everyone take a random one of each color. Share the ones that you get. Then break up into groups to debrief on how these rules relate to policy on a larger scale. ● Ethan: Our group talked about framing rules. 'No' vs. 'Yes.' ● Marlowe: We talked about how rules affect our lives. ● Talia: Rules aren't always explicit. <p>Review Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marissa: It is really cool what y'all are doing. Sometimes our meetings are formal and others are casual depending if they are at city hall or YLI.
<p>6:55pm – 7:00pm – Old Business</p>	

**7:00pm – 8:10pm –
New Business**

- **Cabinet Nominations**
- **Subcommittee Resource Share Outs**
- **History of YLI and MCYC**

Cabinet Nominations

- Ruby: There is one position left of media relations officer. Is there anyone else who wants this position.
- Marlowe is nominated
- Motion to elect Marlowe. Talia motions, Josh seconds. Motion passes.

Subcommittee Resource Share Outs.

- Josh: He was in contact with Madeline Hope and has connections with a variety of organizations. She has expertise at grant writing and would be happy to help any of you.
- Julia: She met with Laurie Dubin who spoke about sending emails to people in Tiburon. She was looking for students to look speak to the council members about the SHO.
- Wendy: There was an event at Dominican called the Ambassadors of Hope. Marin has the opportunity to apply for 2.5 million dollars to end youth homelessness.
- Ruby: The Community Land Trust Association of Marin. They are looking to purchase 50 houses in West Marin that they want to make public but don't want it to be sold to the highest bidder. If anyone in ATOD is looking for groups to partner with, I have contacts in MPN.

History of YLI and MCYC

- Ethan: It's important to talk about YLI because we are representatives of YLI. YLI started with Maureen Sedonaen to prevent drinking and driving. She valued when youth had power to express themselves and create change. She saw that substance abuse was an isolated issue and so she created programs that allow youth to choose their own issues. About 10 years after it started, they created objectives for youth to follow such as establishing connections, acquiring skills, have high expectations, and establishing strong connections.
- Vaughan: Connections could be with people in power.
- Elise: Public speaking workshops could translate to BOS meetings and talking with people in general.
- Ethan: Before every BOS meeting, we review the formalities.
- Ruby: In ATOD, we learned how to analyze qualitative data and then translate that to passing policy.
- Lola: When you are on the commission, the work is collaborative so you learn how to be accountable.
- Greet Wendy with your favorite food.

- Kenya: Be in contact and coming to meetings. You have to be taking actions and getting things done.
 - Talia: You are representing YLI with the actions that you take.
 - Wendy: MCYC helps us look at ourselves as decision makers and not just objects.
 - Josh: Partner with other organizations that might share a common goal.
 - Marlowe: Attend meetings.
 - Ethan: There is a very intentional community here. Youth have a lot of say in what the goals are. Some of the projects that have already been done.
 - Diego: Nutrition - Policy around food trucks and parking along public schools.
 - Alex: Environmental - Partnered to help ban single-use plastic bags.
 - Ethan: Think about the successful methods that they used.
 - Kat: Social Issues - Worked with school districts to create policy around sexual harassment.
 - Micherice: Education - Survey about college and 200 SAT prep books were donated to Next Generation Scholars.
 - Talia: Transportation - Canal Bus Survey which prompted additional bus capacity and created bilingual complaint forms.
 - DJ: ATOD - Limited alcohol promotion and sponsorships at schools in the Novato and San Rafael School Districts.
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- Lola: What is the role of a commission in relation to local government.
 - Vaughan: A commission is a group of people who have been given official authority to do somethings.
 - Elise: The youth commission advises the BOS and champion our own projects related to youth.
 - Kenya: We meet with supervisors and have ideas for things that need to be changed.
 - Josh: We ask for support on campaigns that we are working on.
 - Lola: We don't have the authority to enact policy but we can interact the BOS.
 - Elise: We do research to find out what the issues are.
 - Kenya: We pull from our own experiences.
 - Lola: We meet with BOS twice a year with exceptions. There are certain policies that are in county level and not local level.
 - Ruby: If a place is incorporated that means that they have a local government which is usually determined by populations. In unincorporated areas, their local government is the BOS.

- Wendy: Figure out if you are represented by the city or town council.
- Elise: In Ross, we have a town council even though we are small. It may be due to race or socioeconomic status.
- Lola: A surprisingly large population of Marin comes from unincorporated areas.
- Ruby: What is the process of some projects that y'all have been on.
- Josh: ATOD partnered with CMCA and with them we were able to work with them to create policy.
- Elise: On the Ed Equity commission, we made a documentary and presented with people.
- Kenya: There were surveys that figured out info and chose what to do with it afterwards.
- Ruby: We can make individual/interpersonal change.
- Kenya: Making more space for discussions.
- Rohan: When you are researching a topic, you can make it a part of your life.
- Vaughan: On ATOD, we ended up passing a policy that incorporated more restorative justice and me and my uncle were debating about restorative justice. By the end, I think I convinced him. I was knowledgeable and provided my evidence through an education lens.
- Elise: Talking to our supervisors was an example of this because you go in with evidence and that is what I brought to my supervisor's attention.
- Ruby: When food justice educated young people is an example also.
- Ethan: Social norms is when an idea that is commonly shared within a community.
- Kenya: An example is when selling alcohol was banned.
- Vaughan: Last weekend, there was some outrage over NFL players kneeling because them standing for the national anthem is a norm but now it is being questioned.
- Josh: Changing policy can be enforced on a county or national level.
- Ruby: This can be applicable because we are decided what groups are working with. In the icebreakers, we also talked about rules. There are other rules there. We want to think about the community that we are working with.
- Kenya: The rules and access at schools is very impactful.
- Ruby: We sometimes take for granted things like 2 days weekends which were started by company laws and policies.
- Lola: We are going to do an activity that will help us understand policy at the local level. We are going to get steps that pass policy. The group the organizes them first wins!
- Kenya: Most of this information felt pretty new.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ethan: I started thinking about how much authority the person who writes the policy holds. ● Ruby: It is important to talk about who we are going to communicate with and what levels that they are at. ● Lola: Policy doesn't always get passed and it just because you follow the steps doesn't necessarily mean that it will be enforced or passed. ● Elise: It is hard as youth because a lot of this process is adult led and a lot of county meetings happen during the school day. ● Kenya: For the Social Justice committee is going to be moving past certain stigmas and beliefs that people hold. ● Nick: We don't have enough time. ● Marlowe: There are a lot of allies. ● Ruby: What are some opportunities that youth have? ● Emma: Some organizations are looking for a youth perspective. ● Vaughan: We have a strong base of people. ● Ethan: The brand name MCYC gives us status. ● Kenya: Maybe because we don't work for the board, we aren't as limited. ● Micherice: The topics that we cover affect us more than the BOS which gives us perspective. ● Ethan: We aren't working and can't get fired so we can take some big risks. ● Ruby: The BOS has to be very careful to people will vote for them.
<p>8:10pm – 8:15pm – Announcements</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are peer summit planning meets from 4:30-6:30 at the YLI office on Tuesdays that we don't have MCYC meetings. It is a paid opportunity. ● We did not get the group scholarship this year for the Bioneers but we are first on the waiting list. ● The next meeting is on October 10th in room 410b. ● The next cabinet meeting with be on October 3rd at YLI.
<p>8:15pm – 8:20pm – Clean Up</p>	
<p>8:20pm – 8:30pm Closing and Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn: Vaughan motions, Diego seconds.</p>

Additional Notes:

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