



City of Arlington
Dottie Lynn Recreation Center
3200 Norwood
March 3, 2011
Commission Minutes

Attendance (30):

- Youth (25) – Lizzie Anderson, Josh Rentschler, David Do, Colin Hellier, Rachel Jagielski, Fraz Haseen, Kailey Balke, Eli Mathenia, Sela Flowers, Garrett Gardner, Michael Gray, Tanner Zang, Jazmine Hayes, Blake Leveridge, Sara Walker, Kendall Kindred, Nick Foti, Brittney Phillips, Elizabeth Saenz, Megan Broussard, Ryan Richbourg, Megan Wilson, Jonah Hutchison, Berkley Pollard, Caitlin McClintock
- Adults (3) – Sherri Riney, Yvonne Falgout, Whitney Graham,
- Guests (2) – May Boone (Big Brothers Big Sisters), Electra Kitchin (Dropout Prevention-AISD)

Excused youth (7): Delaney Granberry, Grant Hansen, Emily Landrith, Anna McWhirter, Lily Ngaruiya, Kevin Roark, Jeff Ruth, Sandra B

Meeting started at 6:09 p.m.

I. Call to Order

- a) Welcome new members

II. Reports of Officers, including staff, committees

- a) Vice President - absent
- b) Parliamentarian – nothing to report
- c) Treasurer – absent
- d) Secretary – nothing to report
- e) Entertainment and Game Coordinator – what will you do over spring break?
- f) Staff Liaison – reported that MYC will receive a \$10k grant from ATF. This will pay for most of the Lock It In, as well as two literacy events through the year.

III. Minutes

October, November and January meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve these minutes was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

IV. Business

- a) Global Youth Service Day (April 16, 8:30-11 a.m.)

Smarty Pants Fun Run – the theme for this event is being smart about fitness, literacy and recycling. The event will be held at the Dottie Lynn Recreation Center site. There will be a family run first, then a walker event, then a one-mile run. Also scheduled are a boot camp demonstration, financial literacy class, yoga demonstration and zumba demonstration. Vendors will be present for the event. Vendor registration is free, but they will be asked to bring something to give away (can be something small – like a pen).

MYC members were asked to have one member from each school take a poster and flyers for their school. Whitney explained that those who register by April 6 will get a T-shirt.

MYC members were asked to bring one person with them to the event. They were reminded that this is a fund raiser for MYC and registration is \$10. Members who don't want to pay can volunteer to work the event. The goal is to get 300 people to the event.

b) Lock It In – April 29-30

Partners for this year are UTA, PAL, Boys and Girls Club, and Cornerstone Baptist Church. About 400 participants are expected for this event. This year's theme is preventing bullying. Yvonne noted that a representative from Rachel's Challenge is available for April 29th. Plans are to set it up so parents can also hear the Rachel's Challenge presentation. Afterwards, parents will be invited to participate in a town hall style discussion while youth go to their other events.

Rachel's Challenge requires the host organization to receive some training prior to the presentation. The training centers on how to apply the five principles.

This year, Lock It In events will all be held at UTA, which will help with transportation costs and the amount of time required for travel between various venues. The Rachel's Challenge presentation is expected to last until 9:30. After that, there will be the same types of activities as there have been in previous years.

Subcommittee groups will be instrumental in the training for the Rachel's Challenge presentation, as well as planning games and activities. Members will also be needed for distributing T-shirts, getting to know participants from other organizations, and leading some of the activities. We want to make sure no one feels left out.

Cost for the Lock It In is expected to be \$10 - \$15.

c) Officer Elections

Elections will be held in June. This year, the group will also elect junior shadow officers. These positions will be for people who are considering running for officer positions in the future. Members can only run for one position, and must announce intention to run for main offices at least two weeks before the election.

d) Fund raising buckets

Members were encouraged to bring coins/dollars to each meeting through June. The officer/staff person who raises the most money will get a pie in the face.

V. Break Out topic

What would you do if you knew someone was going to drop out of school? Talk to them and explain the reasons to stay in school; be their friend so they know someone cares about them; invite them to activities, study groups, etc.; give them more connections to school life.

How can youth get more involved in mentoring? Speak to each other; be a good influence; help others feel good about themselves; invite them to do activities; pair upper classmen with lower classmen.

VI. Anything Else?

Yvonne is trying to get someone from the Police gang unit to come talk to the group about early warning signs of gang activity, how the problem is impacting the community and how everyone can help. They will discuss current trends and what the community will look like in a few years if the problem isn't addressed.

VII. End of Meeting

A motion to end the meeting was made and second. It passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:12 p.m.

Next Meetings

Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting

April 7, 2011

6-7:30 p.m.

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Minutes Submitted By:
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2010-11 MYC Secretary