

Westport Youth Commission
March General Meeting
3/18/21

7:18 PM Kevin begins the meeting, gives zoom reminders, hands it over to Sarah Corneck

7:19 PM Sarah speaks about the minutes

7:19 PM Abe Rubin makes a motion to approve the minutes

7:19 PM Lily Weisz seconds the motion

All for the motion, no one was opposed, no one abstained.

7:20 PM What's Up

- New in school model, no more remote Wednesdays.
- New 75% in-school model
- Spring sports
- School Play
- Need Adam teaching the "Panda Method" he created to AP Lit.

7:30 PM Kevin gives youth services report

- New youth services specialist, toquet hall is being revamped to be reopened later this spring at a reduced capacity (10%)
- Lifelines: Support network for those with mental health issues.
- National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

7:34 PM Advocacy Group Overviews

Teen Awareness Group

- New event to replace dodge-a-cop from the spring
 - Cornhole on Jesup Green? COVID safe, easy to execute.
 - Get the working group, including those from TAG and WYC together to get a plan for next week
 - Need about 20 or so police officers, cornholes are about 28 feet apart so it is necessary to observe the space to establish the number of holes possible. Budget? Yes, able to purchase whatever we need.
 - Should target high schoolers to build the relationships
- iMentor
 - A bit behind schedule, signup sheets are there for anyone educated in the program.
 - Presentation is in the google drive folder, practice run is next Tuesday
- Mini Mentor
 - Initial script is created, looking to begin practicing soon.

7:50 PM Bacharach Award & New WYC Application

- Students can nominate others for the award, google form for the award was sent on social media and a press release (the award recognizes outstanding service in Westport).
- WYC application is live, spread it around as much as you can!

7:52 PM Town Improvements

Student Discounts

- Waiting period, trying to contact businesses, and once we know who is willing to get involved, we will contact the chamber of commerce.

- Very few businesses have signed up. Issue with businesses who are not giving concrete confirmations that they do or already are part of the program
- Need to get more people or begin the program, so those who already responded are not discouraged.
- Contact the downtown merchants association? Important to get the program up and running as soon as possible
- Open Campus
- 100% decision is already a risk enough that adding open campus , meeting with Stafford at the end of the year to speak about it for next year.
- Mini-Golf
- People brainstorming addition to the course, emailing parks and rec, and establishing numbers with finances and lands. Waiting period for now.
- Student Creation Market
- Reached out to David Waldman, trying to get the Bedford Square Space for this year's creation market. Need Waldman's email to reach out to him.
- Need student businesses!! (One is Christina Meehan with CookiedbyC)

8:10 PM Needs Assessment Survey

- Need to review the data and see what clubs, if any, are addressing the issue found in the survey. Need to fill in the gaps where necessary, depending on the results of the survey.
- Feedback to Elaine and the first selectman, and look where other groups will benefit.

8:15 PM Meeting reminders, closing statements, scheduling.

8:16 PM Rachel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting

8:16 PM Eli seconds that motion

Lily Weisz abstains, everyone else is for the motion.

8:17 PM Meeting is adjourned.