

Westport Youth Commission General Meeting
April 20, 2023 Minutes

Alex opens the meeting.

Jet makes a motion to approve the minutes, Valerie seconds.

March minutes approved unanimously.

What's Up

- Players' One-Acts weekend of April 21
- Staples Baseball is 6-1, beat best team in state.
- Staples Lacrosse 16th in nation, beat Darien, second time ever beating Darien.
- Both tennis teams are doing well.
- Girls' tennis beat Wilton, 5-2.
- Boys' rugby hosted a South African rugby team to play with them over break.
- Girls' rugby first match April 20.
- Girls' golf started in spring.
- Senior Assassins registration begins.
- Senior internships start May 15

Youth Services

- May 25, 5:30 Youth Services party at the beach. Big Green Truck Pizza. At the marina boathouse
- Kevin facilitated some "If They Had Known" presentations at Senior "Invest in Yourself" Day with the Westport Prevention Coalition
 - Offered the screening up for parents the night before.
- Working on Cannabis education, superintendent agreed to send out 4 prevention related messages throughout year.
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services had kids go in to stores and see if they could buy anything, most stores were compliant. WP Convenience had some products seized.
 - Lots of uncertainty with retailers and distributors around the new laws.
- Prescription drug takeback day on April 22.
- May 18th will show a Screenagers documentary— social media and impact on substance abuse.

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Toquet Hall

- Scavenger hunt April 22
- Youth Artists theater group doing table read April 28
- Gaming event (Smash brothers) with Pierrepont May 6th
- EJ Herman and Benny Enos doing talk show May 13
 - Next Day Delivery (Staples band) will do a small set at talk show.

Peer Education

- Corn-a-Cop
 - Rescheduled to Sunday May 21 3:00
 - Now we have no raindate, would maybe do it indoor if it rains.
 - Cabry is working on flyer.
 - Have it as high school/middle school event

- New idea to put QR code for Eventbrite on flyer we distribute to PTA or middle school principal or newspaper. Most likely PTA is best option.
 - Caroline following up with PTA.
 - Maybe ask if they could send in an all-school email.
- All hand's on deck event.
- Will make spreadsheet with ticket sale lunch wave sign up— there will be no seniors, non-seniors will have to cover extra sign-ups.
- You can sign up as an individual.
- Lighter lift than dodge-a-cop
- Non-seniors who want to be leaders will need to reach out to help run Corn-A-Cop
- Subcommittee meeting will be Thursday April 27, 7 PM

- iMentor
 - CMS would like to do iMentor in fall, this will be fast turn around
 - Taylor, Lola, and Cabry will be running iMentor, miniMentor, and majorMentor
 - Anyone who's interested should contact them for any summer work.

- Bacharach Award
 - Nominations still open
 - Annam will make announcement for how to find nomination.

- Club Fair
 - Question over whether we will have a stand at Club Fair.
 - Try to get into 8th grade club rush.

Town Improvements

- Skatepark
 - Parks and Rec superintendent Mike West has been really responsive and great to work with.
 - They're making repairs to Skatepark.
 - Working with Art Honors Society for new decorations (murals).
 - Could still use our support because WYC bridged gap between Parks and Rec and Skateboarding Club. Need to make sure we're still bridging that gap for next year.
 - Skatepark has interest in repainting everything, Mike West is helping them with supplies.
 - Small temporary fixes, may make the park less of an eyesore.
 - WYC will continue to stay involved for long-term plan.
 - Kevin reminded that this all started with users reaching out to WYC and is a great example of advocacy and building connections.
 - SkateJam Festival June 17, Mr. Buchs running it, two bands and food.

- Student Discounts
 - Had a subcommittee meeting.
 - This is a major project.
 - Lee and Jake have put time in, but we need more people to help. If you are interested come to sub-committee meetings.
 - If you are willing to hold leadership role, reach out to us. We don't want to ask for people to say they're interested.
 - Lee was disappointed that most people who said they would come to meeting did not end up coming. There were people who did not reach out and say they couldn't show up even though they said they would come.
 - Subcommittee meeting will be mid-May.

- New Leadership
 - Leaders for next year need to have accountability and not only come to meetings, need to be involved.
 - This year was more putting pieces back together after COVID.
 - Part of the culture is holding less involved members to expectation to be more involved.

New Business

- Bulletin Board
- Is there another way to highlight what WYC can do in an advocacy way. How to let people know?
- Maybe contacting every club president?
- Yearbook?
- Maybe have a flyer to distribute?
- Maybe asking businesses that do student discounts to say if you enjoy student discounts here's the group who did it.
- Using the application new ideas and putting it on a list to see if it's something to look into.

Jet makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lilly seconds.
The ayes have it.