

Westport Youth Commission General Meeting
February 11, 2016
7:15 p.m.

Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

What's Up

Ned has taken over leadership of PAL. They provide pizzas for the WYC at events.
Sal complimented the membership on the success of the student discount program.
Staples Players Studio are performing at Toquet this month.
Inklings new issue will be distributed tomorrow.
Next week is February break for Westport students.

Kyle motioned to remove the discussion of WYC bylaws from the meeting agenda.

Peer Education

Kevin reported that the IMentor presentation at Bedford Middle School went well.

New projects:

Outlines are being drafted for Puppylooza and creation of a panel to be presented on the college application process by high school seniors for juniors.
There will be a Police Youth Collaborative event in the Spring (TAG is exploring the possibility of Dodge-A-Cop for middle school students.)

Town Improvement

Kyle reported that the Student Discount Program was launched on February 9 on the WYC website with approximately 40 local restaurants and retail stores participating. To date, the site has had about 800 views.
Dan Woog ran an article on the discount program; Renee said it was also reported in the PTA newsletter and in Inklings, published tomorrow.
Because of the student discount, one student inquired about joining the WYC.
After the February break, Kyle and Renee expect to announce the discount on "Good Morning Staples."
Sono Baking Company wants to hold activities such as movies at night with WYC involvement.
The Kiwanis Club also wants to join with the WYC for future projects.
Lily is still exploring Teenflix possibilities.

Advocacy Group Breakouts

Future events for WYC:
Lily suggested a nighttime contest of Capture the Flag in May.
Tucker offered to make contact with the Levitt about Teenflix as he is friendly with the administration
Field Day with younger students and high school athletes

Ways to recruit members for WYC:

Table at Art about Town event
Little League Day, Baseball Booster Day, or other games - promoting membership to adults
Sign-up sheets at every one of our events
Members bring friend to a meeting

Create members-only tab on website

For Teenflix, approach Joey's by the Sea for sponsorship

Kyle suggested Dodge-A-Cop in March for middle school students during school hours. We would need high school and police volunteers

Cop Shops, revitalizing Police-Youth Collaborative Club

Sereniti spoke of a possible Suicide Prevention program.

She said that she and Kevin have applied over and over again for a \$10,000 grant for our program but have never received it. It was suggested that the sponsors of the grant might consider Westport too wealthy. But Darien has been a recipient. This year's award recipients have not yet been announced.

New Business

Kevin reported that the Downtown Implementation Committee is in the process of exploring ways to improve facilities of Toquet Hall. Kevin asked for consideration to serve on the committee and on the Toquet Governing Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.