

# **FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, February 16, 2023 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Sara Cheney called the meeting to order at 3:59 PM.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **a. 1.19.23 YOCO Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of 1/19/23 meeting made by Lyonee Allen and seconded by Tyanna Gore.

### **b. 2.2.23 YOCO Special Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of 2/2/23 meeting made by Second Vice Chair Deonna Davis and seconded by Vice Chair Mia Morrison.

## **4. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Youth Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Community Youth Event Planning**

- Review and discussion of flyer
- Pizza or boxed lunches?
- 3 wristband colors (pink, purple, ?)
- Work with your partner (share ideas and identify possible presenters for breakout sessions)
- Chairwoman, Vice Chair, and 2nd Vice Chair will work together on the event

- schedule and overall flow
- Finalize list of presenters
- Provide a progress report

Reese Adams informed the members that he will not be able to participate in the Empower Youth community service event.

The members began a discussion of the information to be provided on the flyer. They discussed whether to hire a deejay.

At approximately 4:15 PM, Commissioner Arnold Gaines arrived and introduced himself to the members. He expressed his support for the youth council. Chairwoman Cheney provided an update on the community service event preparations to ensure that the Commissioner understood what was being discussed. Commissioner Gaines asked that members of the Youth Council attend a Commission meeting to present the Empower Youth community service event. Audria Moore-Wells also informed the Commissioner that the Youth Council is under the umbrella of the Florida League of Cities, which holds an annual competition for youth councils in community service events. The YOCO members have opted to enter the community event competition with Empower Youth. The objective of today's meeting is to finalize the event.

Chairwoman Cheney said that the members should work on finalizing the flyer and making a decision on the deejay. The members discussed whether it could be possible to have a deejay at the event. After further discussion, the members dropped the idea of having a deejay.

Questions were raised about the location of the event, which was again discussed by the members.

Vice Chair Morrison said that she would revise the flyer.

The discussion moved on to whether to provide pizza or boxed lunches. The members also discussed having a food truck at the event. It was suggested that they use the Boys and Girls Club food truck at Percy Peek. They agreed to wait until they had more information including the cost to make a decision about the food truck.

They finalized the choices for the wristband colors of purple, pink, and royal blue.

The members moved on to discussing the adult presenters for the breakout sessions. They did not have anyone confirmed as a presenter. Commissioner Gaines suggested Commissioner Curtis Johnson as the presenter for the Financial Literacy breakout session.

Commissioner Gaines left the meeting wishing the members good luck with their community service event.

Mrs. Moore-Wells directed the members' attention to the importance of obtaining presenters for the breakout sessions. Once they had the presenters confirmed then they could work on the scheduling of the breakout sessions. Before the next meeting in 2 weeks, the members will be polled to find out if they have identified and received confirmation from their presenter of his/her availability. If they do not have confirmations, then the members will need to have a discussion on how they will move forward. Ms. Moore-Wells said that she will need their responses to the poll by next Friday.

Ms. Moore-Wells explained that the members are the hosts of the event. Each member will work with a presenter. When the breakout session begins the member will introduce the presenter and the presenter will take over the session.

The members continued their discussion of the breakout sessions. They discussed some members partnering together for a breakout session.

A member inquired about the breakout session rotation. Ms. Moore-Wells explained that after signing in, each participant will be issued one of three different colored wristbands. The participant will be directed to one of the three breakout sessions by the color of their wristband. The participants will then be rotated through all three breakout sessions on Mental Health, Career Growth, and Financial Literacy. Iyonee Allen said that she had selected someone for Career Development. Vice Chair Mia Morrison stated that she would seek confirmation from someone for Mental Health. The members discussed who could be selected to present Financial Literacy. Mrs. Moore-Wells suggested that it be someone who works with and knows teenagers. A member recommended Ms. Wilson who works at Fort Pierce Westwood.

The members talked about when the other topics, College Prep and Parent Resources, would be scheduled. Vice Chair Morrison responded that College Prep would be covered during the presentation prior to the breakout sessions. Mrs. Moore-Wells went on to say that Parent Resources will be a breakout session for parents who attend the event. She will contact someone to present the topic.

The members discussed that it may be difficult to get someone to present Financial Literacy. Mrs. Moore-Wells said that she would also handle Financial Literacy by reaching out to someone.

It was suggested that Ms. Kayla be the emcee for the event.

A member brought up having a raffle. Ms. Moore-Wells said that could be brought back for discussion at a later meeting.

Ms. Moore-Wells asked the members to send their progress reports to Ms. Jennifer about the presenters who are confirmed.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM made by Tyanna Gore and seconded by Second Vice Chair Deonna Davis.

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