

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
 Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
 Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
 45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
June 9, 2014
7:32 PM to 8:36 PM

YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Ainsleigh, Andy Rosenshine, Pranit Lahoty, Corbin Whitaker, Lauren Schiffman, Jack Chuma, Meredith Wolpert

YOUTH COMMISSION VOLUNTEERS PRESENT:

Oscar Najarian, Gerard Sokol, Robert Stout

ABSENT: Judith Tully, Christine Anthony

WYFS: John Badenhause, Director
 Cathy Cairns, Admin. Asst.

7:32 PM: MEETING OPENED

Andy called the meeting to order. The May 2014 minutes were reviewed. Meredith made a motion to accept the minutes, Corbin seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

7:35 PM: YOUTH REPORT

Graduation happened this past weekend. Project Graduation was a fun evening. There was a lot of support from the community for the schools this year and \$120,000 worth of scholarships were given out to graduating seniors.

The Senior Black-out – the new senior class members dress in black and run around the school cheering.

Teachers are reviewing and final exams are next week.

Corbin has applied to be on the Governor's Statewide Youth Council. Two students are chosen from each county in the State to meet with the Governor to discuss youth issues. Corbin has also applied for an internship with the Worcester County District Attorney's Office.

The boys' tennis team is going to the State finals. The track team will finish their meet this week in Westborough.

7:40 PM: CELEBRATION

We celebrated the graduation of Jack and Pranit with cake (thanks to Judith.)

7:55 PM: THE UPCOMING YEAR

The group discussed the idea of presenting an overview of the YC and town government and how things work for the new members so they will be prepared for budget time.

The Selectmen will interview the three candidates for the two youth member positions tomorrow, which is different from the previous process where the YC interviewed the candidates first and made their recommendation. The group discussed how this is not the best situation since the Selectmen don't know anything about the individual candidates and don't get to meet them before the meeting. The group decided that the YC should work to interview all candidates early enough to give the Board of Selectmen a recommendation, and if the BofS votes against the YC's recommendation, that the decision should be explained.

John suggested that YC members go to the BofS meeting tomorrow if they want to make a recommendation. Pranit said he might be able to attend. Andy suggested we could point out the strengths of each candidate to the BofS. Andy will try to attend the meeting.

Corbin made a motion for the YC members who can attend the BofS meeting to speak about the strengths of each of the candidates. Meredith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:24 PM: WHAT'S UP TONIGHT?

In late August, the YC will need to generate an ad for the coordinator position and the youth members should give their input.

The budget is set and the job description is the same as the Hot Summer Nights Coordinator. There is a senior citizen volunteer lined up.

The group discussed the need for one of the youth members to promote the group via social media: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to help create a buzz about the program. Lauren offered her help with the media strategy.

8:36 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – September 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM.