

Youth Commission 3/01/23 Meeting

Current Business:

- We have the YMCA, BJ executive director, Max Program director looking to help us out with events and programs.
- Previously had a teen center looking to improve it possible tech center
- Have a comedy or trivia night (partnership) Pool Party??
- Looking to support us with anything (open to anything, very flexible)
- Don't have to be a member to attend events that we're hosting.
- Partnered with middle schools but haven't don't much for the youth.
- Open to anything to reconnect with the youth, looking to accommodate.

Ideas for the YMCA:

- Possibly have a pool party there possibly in the fall??
- Dance/ movie night
- Food and appreciation night
- Brandom and Melanie work together to brainstorm these ideas and reach out.

Old business:

- Let's keep talking Tuesdays: We got our video tools, possibly begin in April, and come in early (come in beforehand, like 5/5:30), we could use some new ideas for videos.
- Let's keep talking Tuesdays: Pick topics, ex. Women's history month related topics.
- Tag team on the video, Jane, Dihmond, and Melanie. Genesis will work on a video, and Rogelio will work on a video.
- Movie night was a success!!
- Courageous conversation dinner is coming up, March 2nd
- Tabling event at Reading High School has been approved for the school show, on the 17th and 18th of March at 7:30 both nights. Brandom, Rogelio, Genesis, Wesley will be showing up. Host kisses for the cast! Pencils for swag!!
- Put in an order for Hershey kisses and gift bags for kisses for the cast!
- In terms of swag, black shirt with a red logo and having district number on the back, there isn't a specific vendor, but Wikels I believe is the name downtown has the best prices. More swag ideas are glasses, water bottles, and bags. Reach out to Michelle once mind is made.
- Egg hunt event, councilman from district 1 is willing to provide the eggs for the egg hunt
- No update on the 3v3 basketball tournament.
- Mental health Zumba event is going on already by community leaders, thinking about collaborating (more than likely). It's a paid event money would go towards a scholarship at Reading High. Promote the YC, Saoni will touch base on it more!

Youth Commission Ideas:

- Promote the YC to be from ages 16-24. Possibly have two committees a teens committee from 16-19 and young adults committee from 20-24.
- Option for the young adults committee to shadow different positions attend one council meeting a month and getting more involved.
- Meeting wise split, the hour, first 30 minutes committees are separated then come together the last 30 minutes.
- Open to change.
- Possibly changing the 2-year terms to three as well? Changing the length to serve from 2 years to 3 years or possibly change it all at once?
- Young Legislative committee would be open to all not just young adults

New Business:

- Giveaway order (finding designs that are cool), Genesis take point on the swag, and reach out to Dihmond Melanie and Jane, make an order before next month.
- Dates and times for next meetings, first Wednesday for every month at 6, and reevaluate in June for the summer.
- Next meeting April 5th.
- Possibly partner with RIZE and work on a story telling project called the Berks Youth Violence. (Rogelio)
- The youth commission was invited to a 275th anniversary Gala March 15th need RSVP by the 7th from 6-9PM dress code is business casual.
- Video Scholarship ideas, (TikTok, IG reel, keep it to be 30 seconds, if no video have a paragraph written, for 12th grade seniors (What makes you deserving of the scholarship?) Saoni, Brandom and Dihmond.

Recap:

- Discussion with YMCA, willing to partner up together and more. Appointed Melanie to brainstorm ideas.
- Let's keep talking Tuesdays, come up with scripts and try to meet before to record.
- Movie night dinner March 2nd
- Table event at school show
- Egg Hunt
- Zumba paint and sip
- Basketball 3v3 tournament
- Ordinance, looking to move forward with that!
- Tee Shirt order (Genesis and Brandom will discuss it) (Melanie Dihmond and Jane working on swag)
- Video Scholarship idea (Video, Poem)