

**MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLARKSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL
December 2, 2022 at 8:15am.
Virtual Via Microsoft Teams**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Clarksville Youth Council was called to order on December 2, 2022 at 8:16am by President Alondra Feng-Baez.

Council Members Present: Alondra Feng-Baez, Jillian Hinton, Regan Hinton, Garrett Skaggs, Eva Wheatley, Abigail Hicks, and Lorianna Liu.

Council Members Absent: Aidan Niemi

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Discussion of Youth Council Priorities (Garrett Skaggs, Aidan Niemi)

- Aidan Niemi was unable to attend the meeting due to a test in first period.
- Garrett Skaggs needed to table his presentation until the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Mental Health Awareness Campaign

- The Youth Council voted at the November meeting to use their \$1,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana for a Mental Health Awareness campaign for kids. Members were asked to come up with ideas on how to proceed and present them at today's meeting.
- Alondra Feng-Baez talked with teachers about possible options including adding a recess for High School students so they can relax and unwind.
- Abigail Hicks suggested we create posters in schools with the number for the suicide hotline. Advisor Ken Conklin also suggested the posters include other mental health resources as well.
- Eva Wheatley liked the poster idea and suggested the Youth Council design the posters.
- Garrett Skaggs suggested including a QR code that links to mental health resources.
- Advisor Ken Conklin suggested holding a poster design contest in the schools, which will encourage parents to talk to their children about mental health.
- Abigail Hicks motioned to use the grant funds to hold a Mental Health Awareness Poster Contest. Eva Wheatley seconded the motion. Approved with a vote of 7-0.
- Clarksville HS (Alondra & Garrett) will coordinate with Elementary Schools, Providence HS (Jillian & Regan) will coordinate with the Middle Schools, Silver Creek (Eva and Lorianna) will coordinate with the High Schools.
- Advisor Ken Conklin will create a basic rules sheet for the contest and send it out to the Youth Council members for review/corrections.
- Eva Wheatley motioned to provide gift cards to the winners of the contest (\$75 for 1st Place, \$50 for 2nd Place, and \$25 for 3rd Place). Abigail Hicks seconded the motion. Approved with a vote of 7-0.
- The goal will be to have the contest run from January 1st through January 31st, with judging to take place at the February meeting of the Youth Council.

4.2 Election of Officers

- Youth Council officers serve a term of 6 months. The current officers' terms end on December 31st. New officers need to be selected to serve January 2023-June 2023.
- Alondra Feng-Baez opened the floor for nominations for President.
- Eva Wheatley motioned that she serves as President. Motion seconded by Abigail Hicks. Motion was approved 7-0.
- Alondra Feng-Baez opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President.
- Alondra Feng-Baez motioned that she serves as Vice-President. Motion seconded by Eva Wheatley. Motion was approved 7-0.
- Alondra Feng-Baez opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.
- Lorianna Liu motioned that she serves as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Eva Wheatley. Motion was approved 7-0.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

- *Alondra Feng-Baez - Redevelopment Commission
 - Not receiving minutes from the RDC. Ken will contact the RDC to correct this issue.
- *Eva Wheatley - Parks and Recreation Board
 - Planning to attend the next Parks Board meeting on December 14th.
- *Jillian Hinton – Tourism Board of Managers
 - Nothing of interest or importance to report.
- *Regan Hinton – Historical Preservation Commission
 - Nothing of interest or importance to report.
- *Aidan Niemi – Building Commission
 - Not Present/No Report
- *Abigail Hicks – Metro Board of Police, Fire, and Safety
 - Not receiving minutes. Ken will contact the board to correct this issue.
- *Lorianna Liu – Ohio River Greenway Commission
 - Not Receiving Minutes. Ken will contact the board to correct this issue.
- *Garrett Skaggs – Planning Commission
 - Nothing of interest or importance to report.

YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

- No Comments from the Youth Council

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.