

City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Meeting Minutes

YOUTH COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

4:30 PM

Room 303, City Hall

1. Call to Order at 4:35 PM

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Haywood II, Hoeschen, Lofton, Gloria Gonzales, Gambrell-Toliver and

Alcantara

Absent 3 - McDade, Brown and Truss

Excused 2 - Estremera-Maldonado and Devine Handy

3. Littering Slogan

Seeing how #NoFreeRides was a success, Ald. Johnson would like to draft a resolution requesting that the Milwaukee Youth Council come up with a new slogan that discourages littering in our community.

Members brain stormed and have the following for suggestions:
Ald. Johnson to be Mc clutter
#throwitinthetrash "throwitinthebag"
#cleancity
#cuttheclutter
#everylitterbithurts

4. The Parenting Network - Invitation

Ms. Rochelle Fritsch, a Prevention Educator at The Parenting Network, a Milwaukee-based nonprofit whose mission is to strengthen parenting and prevent child abuse.

She extended an invitation to having some members of the City of Milwaukee Youth Council visit a program The Parenting Network is currently holding called Strengthening Families 10-14. Program participants include parent/caregivers and their youth ages 10-14. Research shows that youth in this age group are in a transition phase that increases parental conflict and can lead to risky behaviors.

Outcomes of the program are that parents better understand and are able to better communicate with their youth. Outcomes for youth are that: they can better empathize with parents/caregivers; they can identify stress and productive ways to handle it; and, that they have language and strategies to resist peer pressure.

The last session of the Strengthening Families 10-14 program will be held on Wednesday, June 7th from 5:30p-8:00p at Good Shepherd Trinity Church located in Milwaukee's Sherman Park area.

Because of their leadership in our community and in our schools, we would like to invite 3 members of the Youth Council to attend this session to be on a panel that speaks to the youth program participants, and respond to their questions. Dinner will be served at 5:30p for all program participants, including Youth Council members.

Members would be on the panel for a youth-only session from 6:00p - 7:00p.

The Parenting Network is extending the invitation to only 3 MYC members, because the group of youth we'll have is relatively small (6 kids).

Members are to confirm their attendance by Friday, May 12.

5. 2017 MYC priorities updates -

a. Creation of panels within MPS schools to reduce public violence, segregation and increase intergration.

This initiative maybe place on hold until the next term.

- b. Create/implement a car theft #NoFreeRide and safe driving campaign On Febraury 8th, members gathered to offer a press release including a video regarding #NoFreeRide.
- c. To repair/clean up public parks/tot lots with the cooperation of MKE plays. Mr. Kaltengurg, coordinator for MKE Plays appeared at the April 26 Youth Council meeting to brief council about the project and offered to keep council informed as to any possibilities of collaboration from the youth council.
- d. Cognitive behavioral therapy
 This initiative maybe place on hold until the next term.

President Kalan, III suggested to discuss the remaining items of interest that did not make it to the top of the priority list.

6. Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm

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