



City of Arlington
Dottie Lynn Recreation Center
3200 Norwood
April 7, 2011
Commission Minutes

Attendance ():

- Youth (25) – Kailey Balke, Jeffrey Ruth, Mike Gonzalez, Ky Perkins, Brittany Lok, Sara Walker, David Do, Fraz Haseen, Ryan Richbourg, Kendall Kindred, Brittney Phillips, Elizabeth Saenz, Nick Foti, Leandro Vargas, Cristian Vargas, Sandra Babers, Colin Hellier, Blake Leveridge, Dalmar Wiltshire, David Duque, Lizzie Anderson, Megan Broussard, Cassie Schirm, Megan Wilson, Eli Mathenia
- Adults (5) – Whitney Graham, Sherri Riney, Yvonne Falgout, Jim Walther, James Smith, Jr.
- Guests (1) – Liz Chavez

Excused youth (5): Garrett Gardner, Jonah Hutchison, Berkley Pollard, Jarrett Way, Courtney Wilson

Meeting started at 6:04 p.m.

I. Call to Order

- a) Welcome new members

Guest Speaker, John Dikes spoke to the members about what they want to do and how they plan to get there. He reminded the group that they are in charge of their own lives. He talked with the members about their career goals and how they plan to achieve them. He asked about MYC. He talked about his experience skydiving. He congratulated the members on their work and admonished the, to always contribute.

II. Reports of Officers, including staff, committees

- a) Vice President – nothing to report
- b) Parliamentarian – nothing to report
- c) Treasurer – reminded members about the bucket fundraiser.
- d) Secretary – nothing to report
- e) Entertainment and Game Coordinator – nothing to report
- f) Staff Liaison –nothing to report

III. Minutes

Minutes from the March 3rd meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

IV. Business

a) Global Youth Service Day

Whitney Graham discussed the Smarty Pants Run, noting that we have 18 vendors signed up, all of whom are giving something away. There is a boot camp, yoga and zumba demonstrations. If MYC members register by today, she can guarantee them a T-shirt. Following the Smarty Pants event, members will go to the celebration at the Levitt Pavilion.

b) Lock It In – April 29-30

Flyers about the Lock It in were passed out to the members. Yvonne explained that UTA is a partner this year and have invited all three of their programs. YMCA is also partnering and is providing scholarship to ensure their members can attend. Police Activity League participants will also attend.

All of the participants will meet at UTA. From there, everyone will have dinner then attend the hour-long Rachel's Challenge presentation. Following the presentation, there will be leadership training for all participants. Lizzie Anderson discussed the leadership training.

After Rachel's Challenge, there will be a video game truck and inflatables available for the next two hours. The basketball court will also be open during this time.

Following that, there will be a social, with a D.J. and dancing. Following the social, MYC members will go to the Dottie Lynn Recreation Center for the rest of the night. Following breakfast in the morning, members will leave from Dottie Lynn.

Yvonne suggested bringing parents to the Rachel's Challenge portion of the Lock It In event. During the leadership training portion of Rachel's Challenge, parents will be invited to a workshop that will help them identify ways they can help.

The hope is that this information can be spread throughout the community.

Yvonne showed preview videos of the Rachel's Challenge program, and noted that this program is very strong and will make a difference in

our lives. During the leadership training, we will break into school groups so that we create core groups for each of the schools. She asked that members let their principals know about this training, invite them to attend the presentation, and ask for their support and assistance.

There are a lot of things that MYC members can do to continue the momentum of this program.

Members were also encouraged to invite friends and neighbors. The entire point is to start a chain reaction. Members also asked about inviting Mayor and Council.

c) Officer Elections

1) Junior /Shadow Officer positions

Yvonne explained that candidates must announce their intention to run at least two weeks before the election by sending her an email. David explained the requirements for the offices.

The Junior/Shadow positions will allow members to shadow officers in positions that might interest them. This will help members be ready to take over positions as they become vacant. Members were reminded that leadership means showing up for meetings and participating.

V. Break Out topic

Once we are in college, how will we help ourselves not drop out?

Have a set goal

Keep in mind the amount of time and money you have invested

Have accountability

Keep your career and earning power as motivation to continue

Keep up communication with teachers

Colleges should offer more grants and scholarships, as well as free tutoring and help groups/mentors for students

Closer relationships on campus

Balance your time

Get help/tutoring if you need it

Get really involved with the campus community

VI. Anything Else?

VII. End of Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meetings

Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting
May 5, 2011
6-7:30 p.m.
Dottie Lynn Recreation Center

Minutes Submitted By:
Lizzie Anderson
2010-11 MYC Secretary