City of Oak Ridge

Youth Advisory Board

Minutes

Jan 22, 2014

**Roll Call**

The following members were present: Caroline, Abby, Ricky, Shane, Peter, Ryan, Riley, Ashely, Wesley, Laura, Joel, Lewis, Kelsey, Shichen

The following members were absent: Shelby, Lauren

The following members were tardy: none.

The following visitors were present: Alanna Hunsaker and Rhoni Basden (Girls, Inc. OR), Valerie Hughes (Not in Our Town), Josh Collins & Paula Zarestky (COR Rec and Parks Dept.), Tre Rhyne (Y-12 FCU)

**Approval of Minutes** Motion by: Ricky Second: Lewis

**Reports of Officers**: none.

**Reports of Committees:** none.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Water Awareness- 1.15 meet was successful, next is 1.29.
2. Nashville trip- Possible discussion topics are graduation requirements, drinking age, standardized testing. Wild Horse Saloon isn’t an option now because school won’t allow it. List still includes Titans stadium, State/Children’s Museum.
3. Skateboarding: Issue will be tabled. Mr. Bryant has been contacted, and meeting with skaters will try to be hosted at YAB, ORHS, or skatepark. *Motion*: Ricky, *Second:* Ryan

**New Business**

1. Y-12 BOB: Task force meeting will be Feb. 5 at 3:30 p.m. at Y-12 FCU. BOB is 3 months out, so we need to plan! Biggest concern is getting bands to sign up. Last year had 12 bands, so spread the word.
2. Girls Inc: There is a transportation issue. GI has seen big growth- there are now 70 enrolled in the after-school program, but they’re limited to how many can be picked up at school (2 available vans). Proposal is that, funded by United Way, a bus could be sent for pickup. Goal is to raise awareness of problems. GI will attend School Board meeting on 1.27. It is money issue, not policy issue. *Move to support GI*: Ryan, *Second*: Ricky
3. Not in Our Town: NIOT is a group customized to its community that identifies and solves social issues in a proactive manner. Goal is to create safe, accepting environment in the city by engaging community to use positive voices at various events. The hope is that we can prevent bullying and violence. Proposal is to have a youth forum, with YAB support and participation. A guest speaker from Atlanta would come (expert on violence prevention) using Oak Ridge as a model. Forum would be hosted ASAP, preferably in ORHS Auditorium or Civic Center. Visit Not In Our Town Oak Ridge, TN Facebook page for more info.

**Announcements**

1. Water Awareness is 1.29 at 2 p.m.
2. Next meeting is 2.5 at 2:05 p.m.
3. *Motion to open flag football discussion at next meeting:* Ricky *Second:* Shane

**Absence Excuses**

1. Caroline (12.4)- Excused
2. Laura (12.4)- Excused
3. Wesley (1.8)- Excused
4. Ryan (11.27)- Excused
5. Ryan (12.4)- Excused

**Adjournment** Motion: Ricky Second: Shane @ 3:05 p.m.

Abby Douglas, YAB Secretary Matt Reedy, City Staff Advisor