

City of Greenbelt
Youth Advisory Committee
Monday, November 9th, 2015
Approved Minutes

Present: Sophie Bernheisel (Acting Chair), Jeremy Tuthill, Ema Smith, Patrick Gleason (Adult Member)

Guests: Julia Sharapi (Prospective Member), Hunter Whaples (Prospective Member)

Staff: Alison Longworth (Liaison)

Initial Orders of Business

- Sophie Bernheisel called the meeting to order at 5:43 pm at the Schrom Hills Park Community Building.
- The present members unanimously approved the October minutes at 5:49 pm 3-0. Absent members will receive October minutes via email for their vote.
- Patrick will email the September minutes to Alison so that they can be approved at the next meeting.

Old Business

- Alison reported that the Youth Advisory Committee raised \$182.63 selling beverages at the Fall Fest on Saturday, October 24th.
- Ema volunteered at the “Pumpkin Olympics” on Saturday, October 31st. She noted that those running the event praised her ability to interact with children.
- Fahmi is expected to attend the November PRAB meeting.

New Business

- Julia (prospective member) pointed out that there is an excess of plastic bags polluting the city. The committee may look into ways to combat this growing plastic bag epidemic at a later date.
- Ema suggested that the committee looks into tutoring children. The committee was not opposed to the idea. Further discussion of the idea may occur in the near future.
- Ema suggested that the committee considers reviving an evening babysitting program in order to raise more funds for committee use. Alison noted that the issues which arose from a similar program may continue to be an issue if the program were to be revived. Due to these reasons, a Youth Advisory Committee-run babysitting program was deemed unsuitable.
- Alison brought up an idea of a program which preserves/maintains habitats for monarch butterflies through a monarch way-station. The committee may look into such a program.

Conclusion

- The next meeting will be held on December 14th, 2015 at the Greenbelt Library.
- Sophie Bernheisel officially concluded the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Tuthill