

Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 15, 2019 - 1:00 pm
Fayetteville – Cumberland Youth Council Building
725 W Rowan Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Members Present: *Veronica Butcher (Chair), John Easterling III, Beth Brody, Rhyan Breen, Todd Rosendahl, Theresa Mathis, Henry Cruz Reyes, Deborah Effen, Amaya Williams, Alexis Diana, Kendyl Brown, Caroline Searcy, Nyanna Sherrod, Justin Garcia*

Members Absent: *Naveed Aziz, Siva Bodavula, Greg Moore, Marion Summers, Carter Lewis, Kendall Leigh*

Council for Women & Youth Involvement Staff: *Candace Dudley, Emily Roach*

Other Guest: *Crystal Glover, FCYC Advisor, Felisa Hunter, Rocky Mount Area Youth Council Advisor*

Meeting was called to order by Council Chair Veronica Butcher at 1:23pm.

Welcome and Call to Order: Chair Veronica Butcher welcomed everyone and thanked the Fayetteville Cumberland Youth Council for hosting the meeting. Chair Butcher read the ethics statement and no conflicts were identified. New members introduced themselves and stated their goals for serving on the YAC.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Butcher opened the floor for discussion regarding the May 23, 2019 meeting minutes. No comments or questions arose. Motion made by John Easterling to approve minutes as written. Seconded by Rhyan Breen. Unanimous.

Swearing in of New Members: The 2019-2020 youth members of the Youth Advisory Council were sworn in by Chair Butcher. Not present: Carter Lewis, Kendall Leigh, Amaya Williams

Fayetteville-Cumberland Youth Council (FCYC) Update: Crystal Glover, FCYC Advisor, gave an overview of her council's structure, fundraiser events, and youth policies. Ms. Glover shared that FCYC is funded by the city of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. An FCYC student attends two city council meetings a month, and one county meeting a month. FCYC meets on the first and third Monday of every month, and focuses on instilling an investment in local government, giving back to the community through veteran's and military appreciation events, and the adopt a teen program. FCYC will host a JAZZ Festival from October 25-27, 2019 at the baseball stadium. YAC members are encouraged to attend to. Half of all proceeds go to FCYC.

2019-2020 Advisors Retreat Recap: Candace Dudley, SYC Coordinator gave an update from the 2019 Advisor's Retreat.

- The advisor's retreat was held in High Point, NC by High Point Youth Council and their leaders Victoria Garrett and Yon Weaver. Twelve councils attended the meeting, including Winston Salem, Winterville and Clayton Youth Councils who have not been as active recently.
- CFW&YI intern staff presented highlights of the SYC survey. They facilitated conversation regarding the survey results, which sparked conversations among advisors and questions from the newer councils.
- CFW&YI encouraged youth councils to partner with the Family Violence Prevention Service Act preventative programs that are grantees through the state office. FVPSA preventative programs aim to stop violence before it starts and change the cycle of violence in North Carolina.

Committee Reports: Chair Butcher encouraged working groups to meet at least quarterly. New members were encouraged to join a committee. Committee chairs reported on updates since the May meeting.

Awards Working Group (Beth Brody) – The awards committee is seeking new members. The 2019-2020 awards were approved by the YAC in May. The awards committee is currently drafting award rubrics to aid councils while writing nominations and to aid YAC members while casting votes.

Fundraising Committee (Rhyan Breen) – The fundraising committee secured food donations for the 2019 Service-Learning Conference in Wilson, NC. The committee will begin seeking funds for t-shirts for the Mini-Grant Conference in Rocky Mount, NC. Committee is working to identify professional speakers related to the four targeted areas of the SYC; bullying, peer pressure, cost of college.

Ambassador Working Group (To Be Determined) – Siva Bodavula is stepping down as committee chair but will still support the committee. Theresa Mathis reported for the committee. Chair is seeking new committee chair. The committee was previously is working to identify professional speakers related to the 2018-2019 four targeted areas of the SYC; bullying, peer pressure, cost of college. The committee will now begin seeking speakers to support prevention, safety, violence and addiction. Additionally, host councils will work to schedule a time for advisor training to place during a conference. The Ambassador Committee will help determine a list of potential facilitators.

New Business/Old Business:

- 2019-2020 Conference Schedule:
Service Learning Day: Saturday, September 21 (10- 3:30pm) Wilson, NC
Mini-Grant Conference: November 15-17, Rocky Mount, NC
Teambuilding/Leadership Conference: We have not confirmed a council to host this conference. We have been in discussion with Winston-Salem YC and High Point YC.
Spring Convention: Lake Norman Youth Council, date TBD
- 2019-2020 Mini Grant Applications are released in mid-September and due at the end of October. The Council is encouraged to review the application and reach out with any suggested changes. Currently, the YAC receives appropriations from the General Assembly of \$6,292.00 for mini-grants.
- The *She Changed the World Campaign* kicks off on September 7, 2019 from 10:00am – 3:00pm in Raleigh at the NC State Capitol building.
The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Despite decades of marches, petitions, and passage of the 19th Amendment, it did not grant voting rights for all. The ongoing fight for equity continues today.
“She Changed the World: NC Women Breaking Barriers,” an initiative by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, celebrates the achievements of North Carolina women and explores the diversity of their experiences and impact on our history. This is a free event for the family. There will be events throughout the state. Each of you are invited to join at any events throughout the state.
- Raleigh Government Day: A planning committee is established to carry out the idea of hosting a Raleigh Government Day one-day conference for state youth councils. Committee members include Greg Moore, Veronica Butcher, Dave Leonetti, John Easterling, and Crystal Moore. The planning committee hopes to schedule time for SYC members to discuss social and committee issues with members of the General Assembly.

Motion to adjourn by Henry Reyes Cruz. Seconded by John Easterling. Unanimous. Meeting Adjourn at 2:52p.m.