

AYTC Minutes-Meeting #1

Agenda

Call to order(315)

Approval of Agenda

Sharon approved

Ava Seconded it

- Discussion Items

~Territorial Acknowledgments

Leah motioned to approve, and opened the floor for discussion

Leah closed the floor, Oskar seconded the motion

~AYTC email

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There was not one previously.

- Plans for the year

~youth issues to focus on

~how to raise awareness

~christmas events

- Tree for boston

~Youth development center

Christmas tree light up, Rowan Leah and Oskar not available.

- Tree for boston

- Other ideas

~Matthais; Easter egg hunt at Dickey park(?), hide eggs around dickie park, (April)

~leah: skating nights at the outdoor rink, bring the rental skates from stadium down to the outdoor rink, a fun night, maybe a band, maybe sponsored by tim hortons or sobeys, mini food drive, take a pair of skates leave a non-perishable item/toonie skate (February)

~Oskar: Spring litter cleanup, open to town. (Spring)

~rowan: advise the council environmental, electric lawnmowers, electric town vehicles

Sharon motioned to approve the minutes

Secret code word to make sure you checked the email

Oskar seconded the motion

~Leah: AYTC Sweaters/hats/hoodies to bring awareness. Buy off of Amazon. Maybe get a sponsor.

~Two people per Town Hall report This month (28th) (Rowan and Oskar will write and present)

~Next meeting Tuesday the 22 of November at 3:10

~Cumberland County Youth Council spread the word

~AYTC could zoom call with CCYC to discuss ideas

Motion to adjourn meeting by harmonie
Mathias seconded to adjourn the meeting
Meeting adjourned at 4:00

Minutes #3

Call to order(314)

Agenda approved (*Oskar moved, Leah seconded, 312*)

Presentation from Deputy Mayor Landry

- he spoke about his experience on the Amherst town council, what he does within the council and the committees he's a part of, and how it works
- he spoke about his work with cornerstone (paid position within the organization)
- he spoke about the poverty reduction committee
- Progress within municipal council
- MyTax: organization that partners with other organizations and students to find the root of the problem (example: how rural communities can differentiate from urban centers to change taxes to be more equitable)
- research done to find the root reasons for poverty, then build programs to help reduce these issues and by doing so reduce the poverty rate in town.
- building awareness about food insecurity in our community.
- the importance of the youth, especially with AYTC.
- we discussed the possibility of a community garden at ARHS (partnership with social justice committee and Victoria(?))

Done at 358

Discussion items

- projects for the years
- winter carnival, two weekends in February (18th-25th)
Outdoor skate on Monday (it's family day, make it a family event), see if we can include the rambler, pick a time to have the event. Promote awareness of hunger in our community.
- school pantry/after the bell program. Send email to school reps to see if they would like to meet with us about this or, if unavailable, to send along some information.

Move to adjourn meeting from oskar

Seconded by kiahna

Meeting adjourned (420)

Minutes #4 (01/12/2023)

Call to order (3:16)

Agenda approved *No amendments (Kiahna moved, Leah seconded)*

Discussion Items

Planning for winter carnival

- someone reach out to amherst stadium, ask to borrow skates,
- ask tim's for hot chocolate
- check with mrs. rose to see if we can use her and the CEP cafe (if that's a no check with Sobey's)
- Someone to ask for time on ice
- Social media posts
- reserve time on ice

Build a report on food insecurity in the town to present to the council.

- develop questions

Leah talked about the ccyc

- it's an advisory council for the entire municipality
- want to meet with us, talk about the after the school bell and other topics we are also talking about.
- want to work with us on an event to help combat food insecurity.

Move to adjourn the meeting (Hannah motioned, ava seconded)

Minutes #5

Call to order

Approval of Agenda

Discussion Items

- Cookies from Mrs. Rose- $\frac{3}{4}$ acquired
- Skates-we can have them, but we gotta look after them
- Hot chocolate- Sharon will pick up
- 6-8pm is all good
- Coat check but with skates and shoes
- Rowan **RUBBERMAID'S**
- Kennedy do posters

Presentation (After the School Bell) (315-415)

-came about when they realized that students were going hungry every week
Poor nutrition affects everything;academic performance, poor attendance, drop out rate, etc
Wanted to end child poverty by 2000, wasn't done
Wanted to offer food security to children
97 foodbags for children every weekend, has been going on five years (last year was 120)
Anonymity/confidentiality and trust is of great importance, no one needs to know, not social services or food banks, it's not their concern. Has yet to run into issues with this.
Gives out food bags on thursdays
9 schools last year, now 7 as Springhill has their own which after the school bell helped start up.
(Food for Thought, opened last april)
Numbers of need go up and down each month, non-linear
It's a volunteer organization.
Cost of food bag per week is about 30 dollars a week
Reports of feedback every semester
Noticeable difference (positive) in social and academic performance in students helped.
If they go to school they can be helped
Around over 300 students not in school could be helped, in Cumberland county.
Helps with anything that others need, nothing is limited.
People in other places, Truro, Springhill, Wolfville(10 schools, 100 bags a week), Kingston etc.
have similar programs that help.
Since the program started 18000 bags have been given out.
We must help every family in need.
Total cost each year: ~130 000\$+
Hours: wednesday thursday in morning, mondays as well, tuesday as well.

Minutes #6

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Discussion Items

Presentation from Hal Davidson

- Diversity Committee
- First thing is to put ideas together
- Vision needed to be changed/priorities need to be changes
- Town of Amherst to inclusive community
- Intent to include everyone in our diverse community
- Trails on west side of tracks
- In 1958 Highland Improvement League
- Highlands was where most of the black community was

- There wasn't many resources and had poorer conditions than the rest of the town
- Link to a survey to send to the school groups (GSA Social Justice)

Skating thing?

Probably not going to happen?

Leadership thing on April 15th

-Rowan, Oskar, Kiahna, Leah, Maybe Kennedy?

-Talk to Leah for more information

-invoice

Booth for recruitment

Rowan, Leah and Kiahna go down on Monday to get the banner and table.

ROWAN DEAL W/ STUBBERT

Monday, get things, Tuesday Kennedy can you run the booth? Wednesday is Kiahna, Thursday Oskar/Rowan(?)

Red Dress Project

Meeting #6

Lions club presentation

Would like AYTC participation to talk about what we do. On May 27th.

Would offer a Display booth.

University degree through Lions club.

Access to lions club resources right down town.

50000 clubs, 4 million+ members, non voting seat at UN

Premier global relief program

Many things they do, provide sleep ap machines, diabetic support/program, special needs programs, etc.

camp for cancer patients, special needs people.

Foreign free Canadians(? I think that's what he said) for grades 11-12

Open space.

Speak out: public speaking program for high school students.

3.2 youth food insecurity

Not much progress on it just yet, we're starting on it.

AYTC recruitment.

Talk it up

NCCC Slay

Starts at 9:00 am, be there then Oskar and Rowan

Redress project

More outside

Local Businesses put some in the windows

First two weeks of may

Print outs. Rework them to fit.

Earth day

Next weekend, next Saturday. 22nd, clean up. Morning.

Saturday 29th food drive.