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Youth First Coalition Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2022 | 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM | In Person Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Russell Melmed, Anne Marie Maffuid, Samantha Van Zilen, Lauren Ostrout, Carol Wikarska

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Koji

OTHERS PRESENT: Charity Benedict, Valerie Geato, Holly Rozanski, Chris Bennett, Denise Turner, Craig Scheel, Sophie Melmed

1. CALL TO ORDER

R. Melmed called this meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Sept 7, 2022 and 10/11/22 meeting presented for review and approval.

Motion to approve both minutes as presented: S. Van Zilen

Second by: L. Ostrout

No Discussion

Vote: unanimous to approve

5. RESOLUTION RUN PLANNING STATUS & NEXT STEPS

Discussion of status of tasks for the New Year's Day fundraising 5K race.

- Russ is working with the race timing company and the website is almost ready to go live
- Russ will follow up with the race medals company to provide the new logo for printing on the race medals
- Dave has contacted all of last year's sponsors and checks are starting to come in to Youth Services
- Dave completed the new Race flyers and that has been provided to Digital Backpack
- Charity will continue to send out the flyer, create facebook event, and social media posts
- Coalition asked Dave to promote it on Colchester- What's Happening?
- Chris got approval from CES to hang the Race Banner on their fence
- Craig reached out to Jeff Bernolli, athletic director for running teams at Bacon, to offer a group discount rate. Carol will be POC.

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- Charity provided a race flyer to Carol for coaches describing the discount offer.
- Carol will find out who the Indoor Track coach is and send it there also.
- Charity will reach out to John Jones for Fire Police volunteers for day of traffic help
- Additional members volunteered for Race Day jobs- Sophie, Russ, Val.
- Val will contact Christine about traffic cone set up

6. **NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS FOR VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

Discussion of open appointments on board. Chris Bennett spoke with Amy Begue about having the new Assistant Principal at Bacon attend Coalition meetings and Amy is on board with that plan.

7. **REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS**

The Board reviewed the draft of the By-Laws and suggested a few edits. Charity will make the edits and provide it to the Board within the 14 day review period that is required.

8. **PROMOTION OF PROJECT COURAGE SERVICES**

Charity provided an update of steps Jeff and Katie are taking to increase awareness of Project Courage. It was noted that Jeff currently has a full caseload of about 30 students.

9. **UPDATE ON OUTREACH TO BACON RE COALITION MEMBER AND VAPE DETECTORS**

Chris Bennett spoke with Amy Begue about having the new Assistant Principal at Bacon attend Coalition meetings and Amy is on board with that plan. A discussion was also had with Charley Hewes regarding vape detectors. The feedback was that the BOE would need to establish a policy and a workflow plan for infractions, as well as identify funding to run the CAT6 cables to the bathrooms. Next steps, Charity and Val will meet with Lyme/Old Lyme about the workflow process in place in their community and other feedback on the installation and monitoring of the vape detectors. Russ will reach out Superintendent McDowell and Dr Hewes.

10. **UPCOMING EVENT VOLUNTEER CONFIRMATIONS**

Upcoming events were reviewed, and volunteers confirmed.

11. **NEXT STEPS**

Charity- Send out revised By-Laws and add Vote on Revised By-Laws to next agenda

Russ- Reach out Dr McDowell and Dr Hewes

Charity- Continue promotion of Race as outlined above

Russ- send new Logo to Dan's Medals

Carol- Find out who the indoor track coach is at Bacon

12. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM

Next Meeting 12/7/22 Agenda: Community Conversation details and Influencer Campaign

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