

City of San Juan Bautista
REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, August 22, 2017
Regular Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Community Center, 10 San Jose Street, San Juan Bautista

Youth Commissioners provide the City Council with advice and insight regarding youth and teen issues and create events and special programs to positively influence youth to connect them to the community.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Called to order at 5:31.

Present: Karina Almanza, Destiny Hansen, Rachel Gorelik, and Xavier Guaracha.

Absent: Emiliano Esparza.

2. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda (within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission)

A. Advisor Angela Oliveira informed us that since the amount commissioners are fewer than half of our maximum seats (11), we can not possibly have quorum. She also reminded us that during the next few months, the Commissioners need to focus on recruitment.

B. Ms. Oliveira also told the Commission that at the end of the year she will resign as the Advisor. Therefore, the Commission will need to look for another Advisor during recruitment.

3. Presentation by Marta Gorelik on Committees, Commitments, etc.

Marta Gorelik started the her presentation by discussing how the Commission should focus on discernment, and not judgment. She said discernment showed what you need, while judgement is based on what you think. Then, she said that in order to make good events, they should do things easily, automatically, and effectively.

Next, she said that group activities could be like a hyena, as in they could be really good or really bad. She said that work should be done in the subcommittees or outside the meeting, rather than doing it at one time. Then, she elaborated on how a subcommittee shouldn't have too much or too little structure. After, she gave the Commission papers on notes on her discussion, a self evaluation, and a organization paper for the subcommittees.

After, she gave the Commission tips on organization. She discussed a few organizational tips that include making a binder for future reference, and organizing their personal life to save time and energy.

Then, she discussed the importance of self-evaluation. She further explained that the paper that was given earlier was for their own private matters, and that they don't need to be shared. Later, she discussed that whenever you think a negative thought about yourself, you need to think positive ones or else risk making a mental pit. Then, she told a personal story about how self-doubt caused her and her friend to fail. She also said to consider asking for professional help whenever you feel too desperate.

Finally, she told the Commission to use their resources. She said that they could talk to the San Juan City Council, the San Juan Rotary or other people with experience. Plus, she said that they could talk to someone who they admire, because they could tell them how they got it, or teach them something new.

4. Discussion and Review of Soccer Workshop

The Commission felt that the Workshop was overall, a success. They thought the negatives were the time of year, advertisement, and there were mixed feelings about the attendance of participants. They

thought they could improve by moving the date to the San Juan Antique Show, improve the placement of the lawn signs, and improving advertisements via word of mouth.

The Commission also discussed the help from the adult volunteers outside of the Youth Commission. The Commission valued Joey Canepa's help by volunteering her time and lending equipment. They also thought that in order for her to help the Commission more in the future, they could communicate with her in advance. They enjoyed the help from Ramiro Garcia from the Morelia Soccer Academy, but are unsure if they will ask him for help again.

5. Subcommittee Reports:

A. Advertising and Social Media Subcommittee Report (Xavier, Destiny, Rachel)

Commissioners Xavier and Hansen both agreed that the Subcommittee would be meeting soon. The Subcommittee also decided it will have its commissioners clarify the two Twitter accounts.

B. Mission Village Voice Subcommittee Report (Rachel, Emiliano)

The Commission decided that the Advertising and Social Media Subcommittee and the Mission Village voice Subcommittee should be combined, but will need to have quorum to vote. Also, Commissioner Gorelik said that she will write the August edition of the Youth Voice article in the Mission Village Voice, and will interview people who attended the event.

C. Forms & Documents Subcommittee Report (Emiliano, Destiny, Xavier)

Since the Commission received certain documents that will aid in organization from Mrs. Gorelik, Commissioners Guaracha and Hansen are considering dissolving the Subcommittee, but will have to wait until quorum.

6. Commissioner Reports and Comments

Commissioner Goreik read her Letter of Resignation, and confirmed that this was her last meeting with the Youth Commission.

Public Comment:

David Medeiros came to visit the meeting to check on the Commission was doing. He said that he had experience being on a Committee, and had heard about the Commission being formed. Then, he said that the Commission has a lot of resources, which include but are not limited to, The San Juan Rotary Committee, The Strategic Planning Committee, and the San Juan Bautista City Council.

7. Set Future Agenda Items

- Combine the Advertising and Social Media and Mission Voice Article into one Subcommittee.
- Dissolve the Forms & Documents Subcommittee.
- Discuss the next item on our action plan, which is the Movie Night.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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