**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Meeting of October 7, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Vanesa Doss.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll was taken by Secretary Valerie Gamboa.

*Members Present:* Jaeleen Casillas, Valeria Corona, Angelica Gamboa, Valerie Gamboa, Mikaela Olivia, Sophie Pantoja, Audrie Perez, and Milana Ruiz

*Members Absent:* Jayden Brown, Scarlet Espinoza, Serenity Hernandez, and Sophie Pantoja

*Staff:* Wayne B. Bergeron, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary

Paul Brascia, Community Services Program Coordinator II

Nancy Gallardo, Library Services Aide

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Mikaela Oliva led the pledge.

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral communications item was opened by the Acting Chairperson. There were no members of the public to speak. Acting Chairperson Doss then closed oral communications.

1. CONSENT AGENDA\*
2. Mikaela Oliva made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item 5a, as amended. The motion was seconded by Valeria Corona. The vote was six (7) yeas / zero (0) nays / one (1) abstention. The item passed by majority vote.
3. Executive Secretary Mr. Bergeron reported that the YLC Deposit Account is comprised of monies earned through fundraising and donations, with the single largest annual donor being Serv-Wel Disposal, one of the City’s three franchise waste haulers. The amount currently in the YLC Deposit Account is $9,875.34. Mr. Bergeron went on to explain that approximately $4,000 of that goes to paying for the annual YLC retreat to Green Valley Lake and that the funds to donated to an organization to support a family or families in need during the holiday season come from this account.
4. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON

Executive Secretary Wayne Bergeron gave a brief report on the following items:

* 1. Recently appointed YLC member Milana Ruiz introduced herself to the Committee. She is a 9th grader at Santa Fe High School. She is a midfielder on the school’s soccer team.
  2. Provided updates on volunteer opportunities at City-coordinated activities Fiestas Patrias de Octubre, Halloween Carnival, and Veterans Day Ceremony. He also encouraged members of the YLC who were juniors and seniors in high school to attend the Santa Float information meeting on October 24th so they could find out how to serve in various volunteer capacities.

1. OLD BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON
2. Due to four members of the YLC being absent and three of them on the ballot for officer positions, Acting Chairperson Doss tabled this item to November’s YLC meeting. Executive Secretary Mr. Bergeron encouraged the Committee to hold the elections in November regardless of who is present because officers need to be determined for the academic year. This was acknowledged by the Acting Chairperson.
3. NEW BUSINESS\* - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON
4. The following YLC members volunteered to attend the City Council meetings to lead the Pledge of Allegiance:
   * *October 15th* – Valeria Corona, Angelica Gamboa, and Audrie Perez
   * *November 12th* – Valeria Corona, Angelica Gamboa, Valerie Gamboa, and Mikaela Oliva
5. A discussion was held to determine what organizations should be identified to provide financial assistance to for the upcoming holiday season. Mr. Bergeron provided background on what the YLC had done in the past and named organizations who have benefitted from the support given. After some discussion, it was decided that the Family Resource Center of Little Lake City School District, the Whittier Police Department’s Shop with a Cop Program, and the Los Angeles Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA) would be considered. Mr. Bergeron informed the YLC that this item will be brought forth at the November 5th meeting and an organization or organizations will be selected and an amount determined to be donated from the YLC Deposit Account.
6. PRS PROGRAM UPDATES - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON
7. Movies in the Park to be held on October 12th at Los Nietos Park. The movie to be shown is Hocus Pocus.
8. T.E.E.N.S. & The CLUB activities
   1. Halloweek the week of October 14th - 18th from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
   2. Sugar Skull on October 23rd from 6 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
9. Day Camp:
   1. Fall Day Camp will be held at Little Lake Park November 25-27, 2024
10. Family Fun Excursions:
    1. Tanaka Farms Pumpkin Patch on October 12th
    2. Riley’s Farm for Apple Picking on November 16th
11. LIBRARY SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATES – LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE

Nancy Gallardo, Library Services Aide, provided a brief overview of the following:

* She thanked the YLC for its efforts to promote the Jovens Creadores event on September 14th. This program will continue until December.
* A new Graphic Novel Book Club for teens is being formed in January 2025. It is free, but teens must register to participate.
* Ms. Gallardo also spoke on volunteer opportunities with the Library. She handed out a flyer on how to become a City volunteer and encouraged the YLC to sign-up as a one-time volunteer for the Lantern Tours at Heritage Park taking place on Friday, October 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
* Lastly, Ms. Gallardo shared that the Library would be hosting a bilingual story hour on Tuesday, November 5th.

1. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Bergeron reported and apologized that the proposed park clean-up event scheduled for September 28th had to be cancelled due to a conflict in scheduling. It would be rescheduled after the November 5th elections. He also reported that the Subcommittee would meet via Zoom later in October to discuss identifying dates and activities for upcoming events to be coordinated by the YLC.

1. PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
2. YLC Officer Elections
3. Subcommittee Report
4. Deciding what organizations to assist for the holiday season
5. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no member comments or announcements.

1. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairperson Doss at 7:20 p.m.



Prepared by: Wayne B. Bergeron, Executive Secretary