

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL/TUCSON TEEN CONGRESS (YAC/TTC)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA
MEETINGS MINUTES**

Members Present: Maggie Zheng, David Ojeda, Arnoldo Martinez, Leshawn Bowen, Ki Huang, Madeline Zheng, Patrick Derrig, Kyle Hetherington, Diego Martinez Barrera, Karmae Dougless, Aaditee Kudrimoti, Brennen Feder, Nikolas Walls.

Non-Members Present: Paul Lovelis, Ed Nossem, Kendra Davey, Nancy Rodriguez, Ernesto Estrada, Alberto Estrada.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DAVID OJEDA
Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.
- 2.0 ROLL CALL – DAVID OJEDA
Roll was called; a quorum of members was present.
- 3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – DAVID OJEDA
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all attendees.
- 4.0 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – DAVID OJEDA
Motion to approve November 18, 2015 minutes: Kyle Hetherington
Second: Maggie Zheng, Arnoldo Martinez
Minutes approved unanimously.
- 5.0 WARD 1 CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REGINA ROMERO
This agenda item has been postponed.
- 6.0 LULAC WORKSHOPS AND THEME DISCUSSION
At the November 18th meeting, Javier Herrera solicited ideas for the LULAC Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair Workshops. The suggestions from the students were: Financial Literacy (MEC Commissioner Luis Manjarrez has offered to conduct this workshop; College Financial Aid (RCAC and maybe others); Civic Engagement/Political Awareness/Voting 101; Fine Arts Career Options; Public Speaking; Networking/Communications; Sexual Health/Education/STD Awareness; Fundraising for Schools; Steps After High School for Non-College Attendees/Sabbaticals; resume Writing/Employment Searches; Life on College Campus – Mistake Avoidance; Extracurricular Activities In and Out of School; STEM Workshop – Specific Disciplines in STEM; and College Presentations (U of A, ASU, etc.)
These suggestions were brought to the LULAC Planning Committee for consideration, and the Committee voted to implement as many of the suggestions as possible for the 2016 LULAC Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair Workshops.

7.0 YAC/TTC FUNDRAISING OPTIONS – DAVID OJEDA & ARNOLDO MARTINEZ

YAC/TTC Treasurer Arnolde Martinez led a discussion of possible fundraising options. The YAC/TTC currently has a zero balance of funds, and future projected expenses include shirts (polo or collared shirts), bus rental for the March 2, 2016 Civic Engagement Day, and refreshments.

Fundraising options include Restaurant Percentage Nights, where a portion of an evening's income (typically 15%) would be donated to the MEC for YAC/TTC expenses. Arnolde said that he would draft a donation letter for MEC Executive Director Dr. June Webb-Vignery's review and approval. Karmae Douglass mentioned that Culver's Restaurant had a Percentage Night that raised \$560.00. Posters announcing the event were displayed at the restaurant prior to the event, which we should also do. Leshawn Bowen mentioned that Skate Country donated \$100.00 for every 80 people who showed up at an event. Maggie Zheng mentioned Sweet Tomatoes as a possibility.

Regarding shirts, various styles and color schemes were discussed. Arnolde will have information on the cost, materials, and styles available at the December 16th meeting. Paul Lovelis informed that T-Times on the Northwest Side of Tucson could waive the setting fee.

8.0 PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY – KENDRA DAVEY

Kendra Davey had a Library assistant video the October 23, 2015 Teen Town Hall, and pictures were also taken. These pictures were projected so that the YAC/TTC could choose images for the Face Book page and for other purposes. The numbers of the pictures chosen were: 6561, 6570, 6576, 6582, 6583, 6585, 6587, 6589, 6607, 6611, 6626, and 6632. We need to choose photos that do not show the faces of the youth attendees, without their parental permission; the photos can be cropped by the Library's 101 Space. Maggie Zheng says that she has a picture from the October 21st Education Town Hall that YAC/TTC members attended that can also be used. Paul Lovelis noted that the Face Book page will need a "Motto". Various other ideas were discussed regarding the Face Book page, including a group "selfie".

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

YAC/TTC member Diego Martinez Barrera and Nancy Rodriguez from Mi Familia Vota led a discussion about the importance of registering to vote and getting the students' classmates and peers to do the same. The current prevailing apathy among students is of particular concern; youth must get involved in the political process and in their community if they want to effect real change. Mi Familia Vota has been visiting area high schools spreading this message, and the students were asked to submit their schools for Mi Familia Vota to contact for arranging presentations. Voter registration forms were also distributed. Mi Familia Vota is also soliciting student volunteers, who can gain Community Service hours.

10.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to approve: Leshawn Bowen
Second: Karmae Douglass

Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m