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Education, Youth & Young Adults Services Committee Minutes

April 9th, 2025

Zion Baldwin, Committee Chairperson

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Nomination and Introduction of Temporary Chair

- District Manager Anthony Jordan calls for nominations for a temporary chair for the meeting.
- Member Joyce Pulphus nominates Jacqueline Dejesus as the temporary chair for the night's meeting.
- Member Claudia Rahman seconds the nomination.
- Jacqueline Dejesus introduces herself as the temporary chair and other committee members.

Job Fair Review and Feedback

- Member Joyce Pulphus reviews the job fair, noting its success and the number of attendees and organizations involved.
- Member Claudia Rahman provides detailed feedback from attendees and organizations, highlighting the inclusion and organization of the event.
- Member Joyce Pulphus shares positive feedback from an organization representative, emphasizing the event's well-organized nature.
- Discussion on the success of the event, including the use of branded materials and the importance of extra meetings and remote calls.

Lessons Learned and Future Planning

- Member Joyce Pulphus suggests using the job fair as a baseline for future events and encourages other committees to be inspired by the success.

- Member Jacqueline Dejesus mentions feedback from youth attendees, suggesting more job opportunities for younger people next year.
- Member Claudia Rahman proposes surveying attendees to track employment outcomes and maintain contact for future events.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan suggests keeping contacts for future meetings and events to build attendance and engagement.

Challenges and Improvements for Future Events

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the challenges faced during the job fair, including weather and transportation issues.
- Member Joyce Pulphus emphasizes the importance of having a follow-up event or plan to maintain momentum.
- Discussion on the need for better transportation and location options for future events.
- Member Naicha Diaby suggests creating workshops and continuing to meet frequently to plan future events.

Community Engagement and Youth Involvement

- Speaker 3 proposes reaching out to local organizations and businesses to provide mentorship and job opportunities for young people.
- Discussion on the importance of early intervention and support for students with special needs and their families.

Summer and Fall Event Planning

- Member Naicha Diaby suggests organizing a summer event, possibly a street closure event, to engage youth.
- Member Christina Cover proposes having tutoring sessions and other educational activities at the community board space.
- Member Joyce Pulphus suggests inviting student government representatives from local high schools to share their ideas and needs.
- Discussion on the logistics of organizing events, including the need for training and support for young tutors.

Engaging Youth in Committee Activities

- Member Joyce Pulphus suggests having a "seat at the table" event to gather feedback from youth on future events and activities.
- Discussion on the importance of making young people feel included and heard in the community board's activities.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto suggests inviting AOCs and other community leaders to provide remarks and support the event.

Finalizing Event Details and Next Steps

- Member Joyce Pulphus suggests scheduling the "seat at the table" event for June 5, considering it an off day for students.
- Discussion on the number of schools to invite and the logistics of organizing the event.
- Speakers propose having 20 to 30 students from 10 schools participate in the event.
- Speaker 2 emphasizes the importance of having a diverse representation of schools and students to gather comprehensive feedback.

Event Planning and Logistics

- Member Jacqueline Dejesus discusses the cost of printing shirts for the community at \$12 each.
- Member Joyce Pulphus proposes scheduling the first event for June 6 and a second event for June 7.
- Member Naicha Diaby suggests focusing on high school students and interns for the initial event.

Target Audience and Programs

- Member Christina Cover emphasizes the importance of involving young adults aged 18 and older in community programs.
- Member Jacqueline Dejesus mentions various programs available for 18-year-olds, including license programs.
- Member Joyce Pulphus proposes a debrief session to frame the event for older participants.

Event Details and Scheduling

- Member Naicha Diaby & Member Joyce Pulphus suggests confirming the event for June 7 at 1 PM as a luncheon.
- Member Joyce Pulphus proposes holding a separate event for younger participants in September.
- Member Naicha Diaby discusses the challenges of reaching out to older participants and the need for strategic planning.

Location and Logistics

- Speaker 2 suggests using the office space for the event, noting its capacity and professional setting.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto supports the idea of using the office space for the event.
- Speaker 2 proposes having a presentation and live streaming the event.
- Speaker 7 mentions the need for consent forms and a videographer to document the event.

Outreach and Communication

- Speaker 7 discusses reaching out to schools and templates for the event.
- Speaker 2 emphasizes the importance of having a formal letter and flyer for the community board.
- Speaker 7 suggests using an Excel trial to manage the event details.
- Speaker 5 proposes building a fellowship program for regular events and incentives.

Funding and Capacity

- Speaker 5 inquires about the capacity of the organization to handle paid work and the number of participants.
- Anthony Jordan explains that the board is paying the participants, and the capacity is currently six.
- Speaker 7 suggests discussing the next meeting schedule and confirming the date.
- Speaker 4 proposes taking a week off after the event to allow participants to rest.

Future Plans and Follow-Up

- Speaker 3 mentions the need for support from the board and the possibility of tabling at the event.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto suggests reaching out to the AOC office for further support.
- Speaker 2 proposes sending out a survey through WhatsApp to decide on the next meeting date.
- Speaker 5 discusses the importance of involving the DOE in career fields and future initiatives.

Meeting Conclusion

- Speaker 3 motions to adjourn the meeting, and Speaker 4 seconds the motion.

- The meeting is adjourned, and participants agree to follow up on the discussed points.
- Anthony Jordan confirms the next steps and the need for further communication.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder to reach out to the AOC office and finalize the next meeting date.

Action Items

- Reach out to AOC's office to see if she can provide a message or participate in the "Seat at the Table" event.
- Send a survey through WhatsApp within a week to decide on the next meeting date.
- Explore the possibility of having a "Seat at the Table" event on June 7th at 1:00 PM, inviting 10 schools (20 students total) to provide feedback and input.
- Investigate the possibility of hosting a separate event in September for older youth (18-21 years old).
- Reach out to local organizations, such as East Side House and Bronx Works, to engage youth and potentially partner on future events.