May 15, 2018 Minutes

Called to Order at 7:05pm


Old Business:

1. Approval of April minutes with one change (correction of Niharika’s name spelling): Motioned by Anna, Seconded by Taye
2. C-Town Water Showdown discussion. Suggestions of donations from grocery stores (Costco) for food. Volunteers with barbecues. Costco for balloons. Food banks? Will be held at Cedar Valley or Park.
3. Meow Fest discussion. Cats of Covington bulletin board. Suggestion of edging it in faux fur and asking for donation of fur. Other ideas included design a cat costume, A cat themed raffle (ask for donations), cat toy making.
4. Covington Days Parade. Council would like to march and hand out candy and flyers for recruiting. Will want to make a banner to carry and will want to help with Kid Zone.

New Business:

1. Youth Council attendance requirements. All agreed that this is important. Suggested policy: Three unexcused absences equal automatic end of term. First unexcused absence incurs a reminder. Second unexcused absence incurs a warning that one more will equal release from council. Third unexcused absence equals automatic release. In order for an absence to be excused it must be received by staff before start of business the day of meeting unless there is an emergency. Discussed that we need to create a policy book for new members as we enact these. Members asked if we can create an electronic calendar that invites members so they have reminders of upcoming meetings. Multiple reminders beneficial, 2 days ahead, day before and day of.
2. CYC recruitment. Suggestion to put up flyers around schools. Talk about CYC in classes. Alayna made a flyer and will add step by step instructions for applying and bring to next meeting. The goal will be to increase group size and add a waitlist. There was a suggestion that current members be allowed to sit in on interviews which might help applicants be less nervous.
3. Members would like to formally ask to start an Instagram run by the council. Need to see if this is acceptable.
4. Members would like to help be involved with Covington Cares, as a way to help end any contentious rivalry between Kentlake and Kentwood.
5. Members would like to reach out to other city youth councils to see if we can collaborate and learn from their efforts.

Adjourned: 8:00pm