



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

4 p.m. – Community Room – West Linn Public Library

Present Youth Advisory Council Members: Jake Heinonen, Andrew Brown, Hunter Shepersky, Katherine Russell, Aubrey Cutler, Michael Phillips, Advay Koranne, Mac Graves, and Eli Johnson.

West Linn Staff Members: Alicia Shroyer and Police Chief Terry Kruger.

West Linn City Council Members: Jules Walters.

Absent: Olivia Swartz, Gavin Harvey, Summer Tan, Caitlin McCabe, Logan Winder, and Noah Juarez.

Call to Order: Mr. Heinonen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Presentation by Police Chief Terry Kruger: Officer Kruger spent some time talking to the group – He introduced himself and told the group why he became an officer, how long he has been an officer, different departments he's worked in, and why he came out of retirement to become the West Linn Police Chief. He then opened it up for questions from the group. Questions included: What's the most difficult part of the job, how have police standards changed since he started, what motivates him when times get difficult, why did West Linn get a police truck, who do you/should you call when you suspect something, what is the purpose of an unmarked car, will you ever turn down a call, what advice do you have for our mental health awareness night, one piece of advice, and how to stay safe when they go off to college.

Doughnut Fundraising review: Group talked about doughnut sales, and how they had gone. They decided they would like to continue doing this fundraiser in the future. Miss Shepersky says it's affective and Miss Cutler says they need to advertise ahead of time so people know to bring money with them.

Mental Health Awareness Night: Group has decided they should have committees to help set up the event. Councilor Walters asked about booths, Mr. Heinonen said he thinks there should be two booths like the last event – one for art and one for yoga. Mr. Koranne suggested having a speaker to open the event, and then moving to a fair setting. Group decided they would like a few speakers, and an open form to ask question. It was suggested that there could be booths that are specific, ie. One for depression, one for anxiety, but would be better if the booths were more general. Group decided that since they were short on time they would continue the discussion at the next meeting, and would come prepared with ideas written down.

Adjournment: Mr. Heinonen called the meeting at 5:20pm.