

Hernando Mayor's Youth Council Minutes

Thursday, November 1, 2018

(Recorded by Riley Kate Box, Co-Secretary)

**6:33pm-** President (Grace Owens) begins meeting with pledge.

-Co-Chaplain (Cameron Wright) leads a prayer.

**6:34pm-** President: Please make sure to have signed up for the MYC Remind (text @2h27hf to 81010). It is vital that we have all members signed up as this is our primary means of communication outside of meetings.

-Because we have had trouble with volunteers signing up for positions and not showing up, there will now be a new policy. About a week away from every event, I (Grace) will confirm through Remind that each volunteer signed up for that event will still be able to attend. Individuals will have a few days to respond. If the volunteer decides he or she cannot attend the event or does not respond, I will offer their position to alternates who expressed interest in the event.

-This year, we will have the opportunity to design a new MYC t-shirt. If anyone would be interested in submitting a simple design, see me (Grace). Submissions are due by next week. If there are multiple ideas, we will vote on shirt designs.

-Tentative: The Food Drive at Kroger (on the side with Starbucks) is planned for Friday, November 30 from 4-7pm and Saturday, December 1 from 9am-12pm.

**6:39pm-** Co-Secretary (Riley Kate Box): The Christmas Parade is December 3. We will meet at City Hall at 5:30pm. Since only twelve students may ride on top of the fire truck for safety reasons, the first twelve students to arrive will be able to choose whether to ride or walk and hand out candy. Please wear the MYC shirt from last year and a Santa hat if

you have one. After the parade ends, students will be dropped off at Hernando Baptist Church. Parents can meet students there, or students may walk back to City Hall.

**6:41pm-** President: Should we still Christmas Caroling this year? In years past, we sang at Wesley Meadows and socialized with its residents before moving to restaurants around the square to sing. Voted: 21 yeses (majority). So, we will schedule a date, most likely Friday, December 14 (tentative) since this is the same date as the Chamber Sip and Cider event.

**6:43pm-** Co-Secretary: The Interfaith Council on Poverty Thanksgiving Baskets will be held on Sunday, November 18 from 3-5pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (on Commerce Street near Wendy's). There is no maximum number of volunteers for this event. Each volunteer should bring at least one liter of Coke, Sprite, water, etc. Pizza will be provided by Interfaith Council on Poverty for all volunteers. The remaining drinks will be distributed to families in need at Christmas. No service hour form will be needed for this event; a sign in sheet will be provided.

**6:45pm-** Vice President (Abby Lovorn): Cookies with Santa is December 2 from 1:30-5:30pm. We will break into two shifts. Currently, all six volunteer positions are filled. More volunteers may be needed closer to the event. Ms. Dolly may need additional volunteers to help set up earlier in the week.

**6:47pm-** Co-chaplain: Today, Ms. Gia, Riley Kate, and I (Cameron) attended the MYC Officer Leadership Retreat in Clinton, MS. The first thing we did once we arrived was get our name tags and play ice breaker bingo. Before we ate lunch, we were given a clothes pin and told that were in a competition where no one could say 'like' or 'um'. If someone heard you say either of those two words, they would take your pin. We both lost ours

pretty quickly. Then, we had to make a presentation on a current event of our choosing and discuss the implications of the event and propose a solution. It was really fun.

-Ms. Gia would like to know we would be interested in having speakers from specific departments at colleges talk at a meeting rather than just recruitment counselors, which is who we have had speak in the past. (Majority response: yes) If so, which departments would everyone be interested in?

Responses:-Mississippi State: Biology, Engineering

-Ole Miss: Business Administration, Law, Pharmacy

**6:50pm-** President: Each member who wishes to attend the Leadership Summit in the spring needs to come to at least 55% of MYC's meetings, accumulate at least 18 service hours by February, and attend at least one Alderman meeting. We will schedule one or two Alderman Meetings where MYC members can go as a group since the meetings can be a bit intimidating to attend alone. Of course, individuals may still attend any Alderman meeting on their own to meet this requirement.

-Ms. Gia: This year, the Summit will be held March 1-2 on the campus of the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). This trip is sponsored by the city, so members do not have to pay for registration, a hotel, or meals.

-President: We always have a great time, so make sure you meet those requirements if you think you would want to go!

**6:56pm-** Ms. Gia: If anyone has any questions or ideas, do not be afraid to tell us at our meetings. We love to hear suggestions because we have a new group of students every year with different interests. If anyone needs to reach me, my number is 429-90-92.

**6:59pm-** Conclusion