

Commission on the Status of Children & Youth
February 20th, 2023
5:30pm

Present: Erin Reynolds, Katie Hopkins, Tatiana Wheeler, Da'Ja'Nay Askew, and Danielle Willis

1. Introductions

Meeting began at 5:40pm. The commission was unsure if we had a quorum because Katie reapplied to the commission but wasn't listed on the website.

2. New Business

A. **New Offices**

Katie asked if anyone is interested in being the chair of the commission. Erin stated that she is interested. Danielle is interested in being co-chair. Tatiana is interested in being the secretary. No one present opposed these interests.

B. **2024 Subcommittee Projects:**

Katie created a spreadsheet on CSCY history from 2017-Present Day to figure out what the commission was doing before the pandemic. You can review the history [here](#). In the January meeting Katie created subcommittees which included: data/reporting, youth advocacy, community relation, and signature events.

Katie and Da'Ja'Nay are interested in data/reporting.

Erin and Danielle are interested in youth advocacy and community relations.

Tatiana is interested in community relations and signature events.

Data/Reporting

Katie shared an idea to co-host an event with Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) to present data on the state of youth in Monroe County. Da'Ja'Nay said she's interested in creating data visualizations. She shared an idea to create a data dashboard. Tatiana added that it would cool if we had a quarterly report. Erin is interested in doing an annual report.

Youth Advocacy

Katie shared that MCCSC has been really difficult to penetrate. The commission discussed how the teen liaison initiative has been on pause.

Danielle suggested doing outreach to school PTO 's to get inside schools. Danielle added she is hosting a carnival at Arlington Heights April 26th. She thinks it would be a great idea for the commission table at this event. She suggested going to clubs at schools.

Community Relations

The commission discussed the following ideas:

- Partner with youth serving agencies.
- Community Calendar
- GroupMe/Group Chat for Commissioners to share info
- Bi-Monthly Speakers at Commission meetings (15/20 mins)
- 1x a month or bimonthly volunteer opportunities for commissioners.

Katie wondered if CFRD is going to have a table at the Children's Expo on April 27th. She wondered if CSCY would need our own table? Katie also brought up the Rotary's "It Takes A Village" event.

Signature Events

The Commission didn't talk about signature events, but the commission agreed that we need to figure out a signature event for the 0-4 age group.

- Swagger (K-12)
- Read for the Record (K-4)

New : Feb 19th- Day of the Child

3. City Liaison Report

There wasn't a report.

4. Community Updates

There weren't any community updates.

5. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 6:35pm. Commission meeting ended early so commissioners could attend the Black History Month Essay Contest.

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