



FLORIDA YOUTH COMMISSION

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Elias Rosenfeld, Chair

Ella Biggins, Vice Chair

MEETING MINUTES

December 22, 2014

7:30 P.M. – 9 P.M.

Vice-Chair: The Governmental Affairs Florida Youth Commission was called to order December 22, 2014 at 7:35 p.m. by the Committee Chair, Elias Rosenfeld.

The vice-chair, Ella Biggins, did roll call and noted that one commissioner (Maya King) was absent, recording this on the meeting roster.

Caitlin Camechis briefly touched upon the concept of accountability and email turn around.

Committee chair Elias Rosenfeld talked about the various projects that GA is starting on:

The PowerPoint is being worked on by Ella Biggins. It will be available by Friday for editing. Adrianna Williams expressed that she wanted to assure that there would be a contact slide for editing by each committee member.

The Town Hall Speech will be uploaded by Tuesday December 23, 2014 so that Commissioners can review and make changes.

Speeches for students across Florida are being created by committee members. Each member has submitted three ideas to base their speeches on. They will be uploaded as templates for students to advocate for issues that they feel are important. Adrianna Williams suggested that all three speeches should be due January 5, 2015 5 p.m. These would be the three speeches that are drafts. Caitlin Camechis suggested that that committee create guidelines for their speeches. Adrianna Williams suggested 1-1/2 pages. **The speeches should be sized 12 font, double spaces, and 1-1.5 pages. The speeches will be due January 5, 2015 5 p.m.** Caitlin Camechis reminded members that they could use one common template for all speeches the committee members create.

Elias Rosenfeld began speaking about the Student Survey. President Obama created a petition that moved forward as long as it got enough signatures. Adrianna Williams asked where the petition could be found. Caitlin Camechis asked if this would be a survey or a petition. Elias Rosenfeld discussed that we are increasing



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a chance for students to advocate for issues. The survey will serve the purpose of being able to use with legislatures to show student's opinions.

The Legislative Newsletter was brought up by Adrianna Williams. It could be sent out and put on the FYC website. It will be an update on what is going on legislatively for students. **GA Committee members will be sending a summary of legislative bills that they will be following by Friday, January 9, 8 p.m. It needs to be based on educational legislation affecting youth.**

House Bill 29 is a bill that committee members will be following. Three suggestions on how to promote student activism for the Bill will be due January 9 2015, 11:59 p.m.

Cody Jenkins talked about House Bill 55 that involves the Youth Commission and suggested that members look at the Bill

Adrianna Williams suggested that the Commission tries to advance the things that members learned at the Retreat to their different clubs so other youth can gain leadership skills and learn about the FYC.

Elias mentioned that we should be targeting School Boards to propose ideas and thoughts. Members should present at School Board meeting in order to target and create awareness on the FYC.

A speech directed at the School Boards across Florida will be written by Elias Rosenfeld and will be uploaded by Friday, December 26, 2014.

Elias Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Ella Biggins

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