

## **Knox Youth Council**

### **Meeting Minutes: April 7, 2016**

6:30 – 8:30 at the Knox Town Hall

**Attendees:** Maryellen Gillis, Knox Youth Council Coordinator; Travis Stevens, Albany County Legislator, District 31; Megan Murphy, Maria DeLucia-Evans, Darcy Cyr, Sandra Quay, Anna Lefkaditis

#### **TOPIC: Treasurer's Report**

##### **SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

Maria DeLucia-Evans provided the April, 2016 Treasurer's Report. The KYC allocation for 2016 is \$3,000. As of our April meeting, the balance is \$2,865.01. Spending items include: \$84.49 on Easter Egg Hunt supplies; \$50.50 for the Teen Dinner Meeting.

##### **DECISION/ACTION to be TAKEN:**

A Treasurer's Report will be given at each KYC meeting. Please give all vouchers to either Maria DeLucia-Evans or Maryellen Gillis. Maria DeLucia-Evans will record all vouchers and hand them in to Knox Town Clerk, Tara Murphy.

#### **TOPIC: Debrief on the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt**

##### **SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

The 2016 Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Approximately 60 youth participated. The coloring tables and handouts for kids went over well at the Kiwanis Breakfast.

##### **DECISION/ACTION to be TAKEN:**

Discussion for next year's event included the possibility of creating a larger event within the Maple Weekend. KYC members will approach Kiwanis club members to explore the idea of the KYC providing additional youth activities around a spring/Easter theme (e.g. petting zoo, scavenger hunt, etc.). Discussion will also include potentially moving the youth-focused activities to the Saturday of Maple Weekend.

**TOPIC: Swimming at Maple on the Lake**

**SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

A proposal has been submitted to the Knox Town Supervisor. The Town of Knox and Maple on the Lake are in the process of discussing and finalizing proposal details.

**TOPIC: Teen Meeting and Youth Survey**

**SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

The KYC had a successful meeting with teens on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The youth in attendance gave excellent input on activities/events they would be interested in attending.

**DECISION/ACTION to be TAKEN:**

From this discussion, Maryellen Gillis created a youth survey (see addendum) to be distributed to BKW students in grades 6-11. KYC members will tally these results upon completion, and share at a future meeting.

**TOPIC: Summer Activity Brochure**

**SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

Maryellen Gillis is creating a brochure for Hilltown families of all youth summer activities either on the Hill or in neighboring communities. Once the brochure is finalized, it will be posted on the Town website and distributed to families. The goal is to pull together local events/activities for youth to better publicize them to community members.

**DECISION/ACTION to be TAKEN:**

If you have events/activities that should be included in this brochure, please email them to Maryellen at [mgillis1023@gmail.com](mailto:mgillis1023@gmail.com).

**TOPIC: Grant Proposals**

**SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

The Town of Knox park improvement proposal has been submitted to State Representatives, and we are waiting a response.

A grant was submitted to the Albany County legislature for an improved concession stand at the little league field. This is a County grant, and we are waiting a response.

**TOPIC: Memorial Day Parade Float**

**SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

There may not be KYC members available to create and participate in a specific KYC float. Conflicts also exist with youth participating in other organization floats.

**DECISION/ACTION to be TAKEN:**

If there is not a KYC float, there is still the possibility of holding a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going towards the town park improvements. And the summer brochures can be passed out to parade attendees that day. Discussion will continue on this topic.

**TOPIC: KYC Shirts**

**SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

Meeting attendees discussed the possibility of having KYC shirts to wear at events as a way to indicate event volunteers for participants.

**DECISION/ACTION to be TAKEN:**

Maryellen Gillis will price out possible options and coordinate with the Knox Town Supervisor. Further discussion on this topic will continue before a final decision is made.

**TOPIC: Great Knox Campout**

**SUMMARY OF TOPIC DISCUSSED:**

The Great Knox Campout will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Volunteers can arrive at noon to begin set up. The park will open at 2PM for campers to arrive and set up. Families will complete a registration form either prior to the event or at the event, and will check in upon arrival.

The KYC will provide activities, sporting equipment, evening bonfire, hamburgers/hotdogs/rolls and condiments for a picnic. Families will be asked to provide all personal camping gear, beverages, a dish to pass, fixings for s'mores and roasting sticks.

From 2PM – 6PM the Albany County Sheriff's office will provide car seat checks, and showcase their canine unit.

**DECISION/ACTION to be TAKEN:**

During the May KYC meeting all details, event particulars, and activities will be finalized.

**Addendums** (attached):

- Youth Survey

**Next Meeting: PLEASE NOTE MEETING DATE CHANGE!**

The next Knox Youth Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at the Knox Town Hall. Please submit any agenda items in advance to Maryellen Gills at [mgillis1023@gmail.com](mailto:mgillis1023@gmail.com).

Current agenda items for the May meeting are as follows:

- ✓ Great Knox Campout: Finalization of plans, activities, and volunteers

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