

**Joint Board and Youth and Education Committee
MINUTES**

March 10, 2022

1. **Call to Order** – Lallah Rowe, Chair
 - a. Lallah Rowe, Karen Moran, Cheryl Schmidt, Ed Babakhanian, Chris Rowe
2. **Opening Comments by Chair** – Lallah noted that there were two very successful Town Hall Meetings last week and a desire to continue the momentum.
3. **Assign Notetaker** – Karen Moran assigned
4. **Approved minutes of prior meeting on 2/3/2022**

Discussions:

1. **Report on results from Education Town Hall.** Excellent Town hall with 6 principals that giving presentations including Early Education, Charter School, High School, Extended learning, and Grammar Schools. There was much conversation about Mt Gleason and North Valley Military Institute (NVMI) sharing a common campus; the forum provided an opportunity for people to communicate.
1. **Report on results from Wildfire Town Hall.** Another very successful Town Hall meeting where Pauline Allen, with the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM), gave a presentation about 'Home-Hardening' and 'Defensible Space' (landscaping for fire resistance). The Local Fire Chief from the L.A. (Tujunga) Fire Station, Captain Greg Linton, gave a presentation about fire prevention and evacuation. Both provided excellent information.
2. **Discussion/Action for Fire Hardening Training.** Pauline Allen provided information about a future 'Fire Hardening Training' which would take place May 20th May 20th and 21st. Training would help local community members to be able to evaluate how a home can be 'hardened' for fire-prevention. The training would include a trainer and be in three (3) sections, with an evening virtual meeting in the morning and also a morning virtual meeting. The third meeting would take place in a (volunteer's) home where attendees could practice doing an evaluation and identify vulnerabilities of the house to protect it in event of wild fire. (date and location TBD). Class size maximum would be 35 people and the training is free to the public. A motion was passed for Home Hardening Training that would take place May 20th (evening 5:30-7:30-am), May 21 (morning 9am -12pm), and afternoon 2-4 pm (in-person) offered by the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM). Maximum 30 people. Pauline said that people could contact her if there were any questions at Palen@rcdsmm.org

2. **Discussion/ Possible Action: Next Town Hall meeting.** Ideas about future Town Hall meetings were suggested that include:
 - a. Description of higher education possibilities (June time-frame). Possibly adding on volunteers providing a description of their careers and the career path they took to achieve the career. (Deputy for forum Karen Moran)
 - b. City resources, including bulky item pick-up, trash can renewal, hazardous waste, etc. (Deputy for forum TBD)
3. **Report of any progress on Mt. Gleason Middle School situation.** No other data at this time.
4. **Discussion/possible action: Nomination for Youth as committee member.** No candidates identified at this time. Lallah has emailed the Principal of Verdugo Hills asking for youth committee member candidate(s). Advertising on social media (e.g. Facebook) may be another option.
3. **Report on Creation of Calendar/Social Media.** Ed Babakhanian has 'Calendar' responsibilities but is not working social media (Facebook, etc.). There is a desire to put activities and reports on Facebook page. Ed and Lallah will discuss further.
4. **Reports/Updates on previously approved activities:**
 - I. Basketball program . Temporarily cancelled; no venue available (New Hope Community Church baselined).
 - II. Speech Craft program. Susan Stuart, part of local Toastmasters Club, will be leading a program to provide basic training for public speaking with one other member of the Toastmasters Club. A Speech Craft Certificate is will given at the end of the program. Date and details are TBD at this time. A motion was passed for "Speech Craft program for youth and adults beginning 24 April, 4-6pm, virtually, 6 weeks at cost of \$10/participant."
 - III. Drug Education program. Temporarily cancelled; no venue available (New Hope Community Church baselined).
 - IV. Establishment of Youth Council Program. See item 2 above. Cheryl has reached out to different groups, no response.
5. **Updates on Videos for Education page.**
 - a. Lallah wrote script for her video and is practicing
 - b. Cheryl would like to do in-person dance lessons, different cultures/food. Will need event from to be filled out and find a venue.
 - c. Video for using power tools TBD
6. **Any new proposed programs.**
7. **Outreach to other committees.** Lallah has done outreach to STARC committee. (Artistic videos).
8. **Outreach to community partners.**
9. **Any other old business.** None.
10. **New business/new ideas.** Karen suggested potentially getting JPL speaker to talk about one of the spacecraft missions or their career track.
11. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

