

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
Youth Council Committee Minutes
WESLEY CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH
120 Potter Road, Monroe, NC 28110
November 15, 2012 at 7:00 P. M.
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ALL ITEMS ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

Members Present: Vice Chair Allie Patterson, Bailey Stallings, Shane Brown, Hannah Schrader, Joe Hess, Julia Lubinecky, Olivia Haring, Carter Lee, Bryan Fennell

Members Absent: Chair Alyssa Mitarotondo

Others Present: Mayor Brad Horvath, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Ormiston, Abigail Ormiston, Danny Monserrate and parent, Isabella Brotton, Council Member Howard Brotton, Kaitlyn Wesley and parent, Jenna Burbes and parent, Hunter Keane and parent, Julie Brown, another citizen name – illegible.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND / OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Bailey made a motion to approve agenda, Bryan seconded it. Unanimous vote passed the motion.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were made.

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20 and OCTOBER 18, 2012 MINUTES

Hannah made a motion to approve minutes. Carter seconded it. Unanimous vote passed the motion.

4. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER REP. CRAIG HORN

Allie introduced our guest speaker. Rep Horn addressed the youth and parents of Wesley Chapel and spoke about how the youth can have an impact on their community, what he is focusing on in the NC House, and what's it's like in his role as a Representative. Here are highlights from his presentation:

- His focus is on Western Union County and he expects participation from citizens and he expects for us to ask questions of him as a representative. Lobbyists all want him to vote for something, but the community needs to decide on how they will be governed and need to hold him accountable for how he is governing.
- He presented the Seal of NC and translated the Latin which means "To be, rather than to seem". We can't just talk about what needs to be done, we need to do it.
- He spoke about Public Service being a high calling. Elected officials come from all walks of life. It's a participatory system. He said of all attributes to acquire, public speaking is the most powerful tool you can have to move people. It will allow you to multiple everything else you do to an extent you can't believe. In the House, they debate everything. It's critical to be able to convince someone why your idea should become a law. It is an art and a science. Learn it by practicing a lot.
- He spoke about a Digital Engineering Education bill he is working on. He will be introducing a Teen Dating Violence Prevention Bill written by a Junior at Cuthbertson HS.

- He encouraged the youth to take every opportunity to deal with tough situations and issues. That's Leadership. As youth/ Youth Council, we need to demand more of our leaders and of ourselves. Don't feel that as youth that we can't make a difference.
 - He explained how you should surround yourself with people that don't agree with you, meaning that you don't know the value of your position until you need to defend it.
 - Final thoughts: Learn everything you can about everything you can. The key to success is to never give up – persevere.
5. NOMINATION AND POSSIBLE VOTE FOR YCC CHAIR POSITION
Alyssa Mitarotando had to resign from the chair position and the committee due to a new job. Bailey stepped up to run for the chair position. Carter made a motion to nominate Bailey for the position. Joe seconded. Unanimously approved.
6. DISCUSS EVENT AT CHICK FIL A
Due to a lack of time, this item was tabled.
7. ATTENDANCE AT SAFETY, PARK & REC, TOWN HALL, PLANNING BOARD, & COGG MEETINGS
Ms. Ormiston suggested that each committee member try to attend at least one meeting of another Wesley Chapel committee to learn about what is going on in the Village and to ask how the YCC could assist them in their endeavors. YCC members would then report back to the YCC what they've learned and how we could have a greater impact as a committee. Dates for the upcoming committee meetings were provided.
8. OTHER BUSINESS
At the Dec meeting the YCC will discuss the steps to becoming a State Chartered Youth Council.
9. ADJOURNMENT
Carter moved to adjourn. Bryan seconded this. Unanimous vote passed this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Lubinecky

Julia Lubinecky, YCC Secretary