



January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012- 4:30pm

Civic Square- Ante Room/ Council Chambers

### Minutes

**Attendance:** Sarah Alakas, Bianca Benincasa, Michael Dubé, Cole Fast, Sophie Helpard, Alyssa Kramer, Craig Maltais, Zachary Meyer, Antonio Clarke- Smith, Stephen Malcolm, Vinay Sharma, Sam Janjac, Ashleigh Laing, Thomas Vescio, Mackenzie Ceci, Michael Simpson , Sarah Ane (City of Welland)

**Regrets:** Liam Clark

1. Winter Lights Tours Debrief
  - Well attended and received by the public
  - Suggestions for next year: peanut free/ allergy friendly snacks
2. New Years Eve Debrief
  - Very busy, 1200 people in two hours
  - Well received by public
  - Good newspaper articles and a letter to the editor thanking us for hosting the event
  - Suggestions for next year: admission requirement of 1 non- perishable food item, walkie- talkies, more apple cider, dip n' dots and utensils, signs directing people to the stations at the back, dividers to separate food line from entry line, big horse drawn wagon next year so people don't have to pre- register
3. YMCA Family Day Event
  - February 20, 2012 at the YMCA
  - Will ask for volunteers at February meeting so check your schedules
4. MYAC Surveys/ Report
  - Report will be emailed out as soon as it is finalized
  - Executives will present the findings and next steps to City Council on February 21, 2012
5. Kiwanis Presentation

- Notre Dame, Centennial, Eastdale will be featured as performers in a music festival in late May at the amphitheatre
- All funds raised, through a small admission price, will go back into the participating schools to be used towards scholarships
- All three schools have confirmed that they will participate
- Kiwanis will fund the whole event
- MYAC would be expected to advertise through schools
- Background on the Kiwanis Club: Kiwanis International focuses on children's initiatives. They have recently been focusing on sports initiatives but would like to expand into arts initiatives.
- Kiwanis Debrief:
  - Will attempt to combine with skateboard competition/ band show by scheduling both events on one weekend as a "Welland Youth Weekend Double Header" Tentative dates: May 26-27, 2012
  - Requesting a planning meeting with MYAC sub- committee (Sam, Vinay, Antonio, Michael D., Michael S., Zach, Sarah, Ashley, Stephen, Cole, Sophie, Mackenzie) at WCWC on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Will discuss the possibility to integrate photography and visual arts into the event
  - Sarah will email us in regards to their responses

#### 6. Wellness Complex Correspondence

- Meeting at Youth Innovations on Tuesday January 17, 2012 at 6pm
- Antonio, Sam, Sarah, Zach, Bianca (chair), Michael D.
- Email Bianca with ideas if you can't attend

#### 7. Lip Dub Video

- Create a video featuring different community organizations lip syncing to a motivational song, would be a good way to advertise for our May event]
- Executives will contact community organizations and present the idea to them to see if they would be interested
- Newspaper article could be made to open it up to organizations that we didn't contact to make it fair

#### 8. Skate Park Relocation Fundraising

- Skateboard competition and band show at skate park in May
- Competition would be run by West 49
- Small admission fee to fundraise for a new skate park
- City will be forming a skate park committee
- Possibility to combine with Kiwanis band show

#### 9. Earth Day Cleanup

- Deferred to next meeting

#### 10. Cooks Mills Development Group

- Creating events in Cooks Mills
- Hosted Christmas event in December
- Planning 6 events per year
- Michael D. is on the group and will give monthly updates on their events, initiatives, plans and ideas

#### 11. Additional Business

- As a common courtesy, no texting at events or meetings because it is unprofessional
- St Catharines MYAC is hosting a youth forum/ motivational speaker in March
  - MYAC could attend, Sarah will email out details
- Business cards are being created
- Website will get contact page
- FNO schedule has been updated on Information Bank
- March Break Events at Youth Innovations (Highest attendance on Tuesday nights)
  - Brainstorming: Rockband tournament, Dance Dance Revolution, karaoke, Minute to Win it, Zumba
  - Brainstorm Minute to Win It games for next meeting
- Get well card for Mayor Sharpe- Sophie
  - Email Sophie get well wishes by Friday

#### 12. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by the chair at 6:32 pm.