

**City of Ocean Springs Mayor's Youth Council
Minutes of the Officer and Facilitator Meeting
September 2, 2015 4:30 PM**

Location of Meeting:

Ocean Springs City Hall
1018 Porter Avenue
Ocean Springs, Mississippi, 39564

Present at Meeting: Ravin Floyd, Cady Cooper, Sunna Savani, Jessica Leonard, Kassidy Biss, Sally Boswell

The meeting of the Officers and Facilitator was called to order at 4:46 PM on September 2, 2015 by Ravin Floyd at Ocean Springs City Hall.

Old Business:

- Youth Council Shirts
 - The council will be ordering polo shirts to represent the council. Currently the shirts are \$23 (\$700 total), but we are trying to lower the price. Also, the council is considering ordering T-shirts, but the money will have to come out of the members' pockets.
- Sponsorship Letter
 - The letter has been approved. It will come signed from the mayor to add credibility to the council.

New Business:

- MYC Agenda for September 8 at the Police Department
 - Created and has been filed.
- Walking School Bus
 - Each council member will have to participate at least once in the Walking School Bus. To prove that they are actually there, they will have to take a picture of them there and send it to their officer.
- Jackson County MYC Project: Blueways Blowout
 - County wide project for the weekend to highlight our Blue Ways in Jackson County (such as a paddle board event).
- Youth and Summit Survey
 - The council would like to hold a State of the Youth at the Mary C to address issues important to the youth of the city. The survey will be given in the fall and the summit will be tentatively held in February, around the State of the City address. The council could potentially partner with a fellow council or with a department within the city.
 - The council needs to develop the survey around the topic drinking, drugs, cyber bullying, safe driving, social activities, and community involvement. Each topic needs to have at least three or four questions about it.

- The survey needs to be completed by October 2 and will be due back by November 2. We need at least 300 surveys back. The council can partner with NHS to ensure that we get feedback. We will survey the age groups 13-18.
- Youth Dance
 - The Lot: We are planning a dance on September 18 from 8:00 to 11:00. It will be located in the parking lot of the Chamber of Commerce. We will try to get Tom's pizza to provide food, coca cola to provide drinks, and some cool/hip business owners from downtown to supervise the event. We have a potential glow stick theme and we are trying to get the Monkey to DJ. We also could get a photo booth from Leo Ridge. We would charge \$5 for entrance into the event.
 - We are also planning "The Shutdown" sometime in the spring where we shut down a section of downtown for the youth. We need to look for a band for this event.
- Youth Council Reward System
 - The council decided to establish a point system for each member. The members can earn 2 points for attending other group's projects, 6 points for planning a side project, and 4 points for attending a board meeting. The member with the most points will earn a key to the city. Also, if a member gets put on probation, their points will be stripped. Also a project pyramid was established where the groups are placed on the pyramid depending on how good the projects are. The groups will be represented by a picture of their officer.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- The Council officers need to contact the potential sponsors for the lot:
 - Kassidy: Quakes and Paddle's Up
 - Jessica: Ad. Inc. and Charisma
 - Sally: The Grocery
 - Sunna: Coca Cola and Island Outfitters
 - Cady: Tom's and The Greenhouse
 - Ravin: The Chamber and The Monkey
- The details for the Lot need to be finalized
- The Youth Summit Survey needs to be written and handed out

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM