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Young Adults Committee Minutes

May 9th, 2024

Stephanie G. Calzado, Committee Chairperson

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Rat infestation and community cleanup initiatives.

Committee members plan to promote Instagram account, organize community cleanup activities, and provide resources on rat awareness.

Member Zion Baldwin is trying to raise awareness about rats in their neighborhood by creating flyers with QR codes and collecting signatures.

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Calzado is offering to help distribute the laminated flyers in other areas to encourage people to scan the QR code and fill out the form.

Participants discuss organizing a topic for a group project, with some suggesting introducing themselves and others expressing confusion about the task.

Creating an Instagram page.

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Calzado suggests creating an Instagram page to promote job opportunities for high school students.

Michael Pimental and others discuss a survey to gather opinions from young people in their community.

They brainstorm questions for the survey to engage young people and gather their opinions.

Voter registration Drive.

Group brainstorms ideas for Instagram page to engage young adults.

Member Argelia Ortiz plans to contact Board of Elections to set up voter registration table at future events.

Member Argelia Ortiz will bring information to next meeting to share with others, including how to register to vote.

Voter registration and civic engagement among young people.

A public audience member mentions barriers to voting for young adults, including criminal records and lack of trust in the system.

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Calzado suggests creating a platform to provide information and resources to youth, encouraging them to get involved and make a difference.

Creating a survey for community engagement.

Member Zion Baldwin asked community members about issues affecting their lives, including homelessness, food insecurity, and lack of extra-curricular activities.

Member Zion Baldwin plans to use the collected information to create a flyer with a QR code, which people can scan to access the survey results.

Member Zion Baldwin wants to update the survey questions to be more specific and focused on civic engagement.

Members discuss strategies for asking voter registration questions, including making it optional and following up on "no" responses.

Launching an Instagram page for young adults to share resources and information.

Young adults discuss launching Instagram page for personal development, community engagement, and resources.

Speakers discuss potential ways to promote a community forum, including sponsored posts on Instagram and supporting local events.

Member Zion Baldwin discusses the importance of engaging with local schools and communities.

Members brainstorm ideas for outreach and community events, including a Meet and Greet at the Community Board.

Organizing community events in the Bronx, including a pantry distribution.

Members discuss challenges in reaching and engaging with youth in a park setting.

Air quality and green spaces in a Bronx neighborhood.

District Manager Anthony Jordan initiates a community project to address food insecurity, partnering with a local committee.

Members discuss potential solutions, including planting trees and collaborating with local businesses.

A public audience member mentions lack of open green spaces in living areas on outskirts of New York City.

Community gardens, mural project, and dog waste.

Committee members brainstorm ideas for a mural in the office space to express themselves and make it more welcoming.

District Manager Anthony Jordan suggests the committee have ideas before the break in July & August.

Proposal to allocate funds for dog waste stations and community clean-up initiatives.

Environmental issues and job opportunities in New York City.

Member Argelia Ortiz advocates for stricter enforcement of littering laws in NYC.

District Manager Anthony Jordan suggests sponsoring young adults for career development.

Supporting young entrepreneurs through worker cooperatives.

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Calzado suggests coordinating sports programs for kids, mentioning St. Mary's rec center and Park Third Avenue.

Group discusses potential locations for sports and recreational activities, including Planned Parenthood truck locations.

Member Emmanuel Pardiola discusses the New York City network of worker cooperatives and upcoming event in the Bronx.

Event aims to educate young entrepreneurs on resources for revolutionary radical business models, including worker cooperatives.

Drug addiction and harm reduction strategies in a local community.

District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses drug addiction in the district, highlighting the need for more resources and alternative approaches to treatment.

District Manager Anthony Jordan encourages people to share their ideas and speak truth to power to address social issues.

District Manager Anthony Jordan provides information on programs and committees involved in addressing harm reduction and housing needs.

Community library funding and upcoming rally.

A public audience member discusses the stigma around drug use in the Bronx and the need for a safe space to talk about it.

Action Items

- Create Instagram page and add mission statement to first post.
 - Research topics like civic service exams, internships, truck schedule for reproductive health resources.
 - Coordinate meet and greet at community board.
 - Collect information on sports facilities and programs.
 - Distribute survey at food pantry on Saturday.
 - Design mural for community board office by June meeting.
- and suggests that more advertising is needed to raise awareness.