

Tl'azt'en Youth Visions Council
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Present: Christian Harpe, Georgina Alexis, Pam Felix, Bret Felix, Lizzy Mattess, Joshua Monk, Shivaun Joseph, Ally Anatole, Jodie Pierre,

Regrets: Donaven Winsler

Opening Prayer: Pam Felix

Chairperson: Dayi Jodie Pierre

Opening Remarks:

Pam : Meow.

Christian: Hi my name is Christian. Winter break was very eventful. Got to see Amy's family first then we seen my family. Got engaged, that was fun. Now we are back here. That's how fast it goes.

Donaven: I'm tired. I just woke up not too long ago. Just living the dream. All is good. All is well.

Bret: My Christmas break was alright. It wasn't acutaly bad. Got to spend time with family. Lots of crazy kids. Either then that. All is good. All is well.

Joshua: My I'm still on my holidays. Everything is good. We had pretty deadly event. Pam, Jodie, I and other fellowship people. It was cool. More events coming up. Keep busy. Not too bad at all. All is good. All is well.

Jodie: My winter break was good. We did have an event over the break and it was really good. I wish I conditioned myself more for preparing back to work. Use to waking up when I wanted. All is good. All is well.

Lizzy: Christmas break was good. Caught up on sleep. Had family dinners for Christmas. Played video games with the girls. That was it.

Shivaun: My Christmas break was good. Got to spend time with family. Cassius and Dayton here and there. Went to a few events with the Fellowship which was good.

Ally: My Christmas break was cheerful and festive. Spent a lot of time with my nieces and nephews. It was a good time.

Georgina: I enjoyed my break, but obviously it wasn't long enough. As soon as I started relaxing the break was over. Either then that it was good. All is good. All is well.

Adoption of Agenda:

Jodie: Any additions? I have an addition. Youth & Rec Activities.

Mover: Jodie Pierre

Secunder: Bret Felix

5 approved 1 against

Adoption of Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes of December 20, 2023

Jodie: Let's move to the meeting minutes.

Mover: Lizzy Mattess

Secunder: Shivaun Joseph

Approved by consensus.

Youth Council Jackets:

Christian: So, we rolled over this topic from last year. Wanted everyone's vote and say.

Georgina: We will get a quote on the blazers and bring it back to the next meeting. Got all the sizes for the jackets and will place the order.

Youth of the Month:

Christian: Joshua, are you going to speak about this topic?

Joshua: We are going to start doing youth of the month. Put posters up and nominate youth. Pretty cool thing to do to start recognizing the youth of our community. I was thinking for the first youth of the month it should be me. Something I would like to see, but I don't know if you have anything to add or change. Have a quick vote.

Donaven: Should be there a female and male youth of the month.

Chrisitan: So, Georgina, Jodie and I were talking about this briefly today. We spoke about the youth council being involved in youth and rec activities. Youth council will put forward names and vote at the last meeting of each month to decide. That was an option that can work.

Joshua: I think that's not in depth enough. A lot of youth out there that have these accomplishments and that would be a random pick. We should have more depth into this idea. Graduating, passing courses or volunteering. Posters and recognizing their accomplishments.

Christian: The only problem with that is people actually putting forward names and or submissions.

Joshua: I don't think that would be a problem. People want their kids recognized.

Donaven: Why can't we ask them to hand in their short & long term goals and see who achieves those goals and are active in the community.

Joshua: The voting process might take too long, so it should be the youth council that picks. Send in forms in why they think this youth should be youth of the month.

Jodie: Would that start this month?

Christian: Ideally, I would want to send something out this week.

Joshua: If we called an emergency meeting, would we get an honorarium for that?

Shivaun: Would it be youth of the month for on reserve only. There is a lot of kids off reserve.

Joshua: We don't get funding for off-reserve.

Donaven: How would we know if they achieved their goals. But what if they do other stuff that help out other communities.

Joshua: Yeah, cause we don't know them personally. If they are good or bad influence.

Jodie: Are you saying we don't know all the youth personally in Tache. Are you saying you don't trust any of them.

Donaven: How we see them engaging in youth activities and events. But we don't know if they are doing that off reserve.

Joshua: We need them to submit the information and pictures.

Christian: For it to be under 18 years old. For the election this year, a lot of people asked about the younger kids who are in high school.

Lizzy: Are we going to do that in categories? Volunteering, academic's or all?

Joshua: I think it should just be all together. It would be mostly directed towards high school students. We are getting too old.

Donaven: It would be kind of hard to judge the youth of the month. Shouldn't we just pick random.

Joshua: The other point in doing this is to recognize them. They will change their mindset, lift their spirits and encourage them.

Christian: If it comes from this table, then the youth and community will recognize that the youth council is recognizing this youth.

Jodie: If we do this can we find out when an assembly at the high school is so we can present the youth of the month in front of the highschool. And Troy can talk.

Donaven: In Dakelh

Joshua: It would build them up and encourage them to strive for the best. If they are going down the wrong road. These guys see me and maybe I shouldn't be doing that.

Pam: Man, I'm sitting here and listening to you guys. You guys have humility, love, and understand your roles. This is what they are building you up for. Be those role models and those people that the younger generations look up too. I'm very proud of you guys.

Ally: We should represent one person with an honorarium and encourage them to keep going. Thank you letter to keep them going.

Bret: I honestly don't have any thoughts on this. A lot has been said already and it all ties in together. I think what everyone said it would be a good inspiration for the youth. Good motivation that they got recognition from the youth council.

Joshua: Present at our quarterly dinners. Last year I did a lot of bad shit and recognize me as a leader/good person. That's why I'm in these positions. IF one of these youth and did something bad, I would take a look at my life and give them feedback. Looking back at all the bad shit I did and seeing me as a good person. Got me to where I am today. This would be something good for them. The recognition. Seeing the good in someone can take a person a long way. I don't do any of this stuff for recognition, but it feels good to have someone there to see the good in you.

Ally: You overcame those hard situations.

Christian: I think we can all agree as a table the purpose behind it. My questions is the how. Submit to Facebook, in person.

Pam: Teachers in the highschool?

Shivaun: Can it just be anyone submitting. Leave forms here or online. Just like the youth council election.

Christian: Ed Centre, Online and Troy at the HS. What are the questions?

Lizzy: Is that where the categories come in?

Georgina: It would be based on accomplishments or goals?

Donaven: Short and long term goals.

Joshua: Accomplishments can be minor or huge.

Christian: Whatever you are proud of.

Donaven: Maybe we should do our own thing too as an example.

Georgina: For this month you can all bring 1-2 names forward for next meeting. Then we can select them. For the month of February, we can create role model posters for each of you.

Our youth are visual learners and if they see your posters then they may want their pictures. Pam can have a poster for each of you done by next meeting. Send in the group chat your most recent accomplishments and goals.

Youth Survey:

Georgina: Jodie and Bret can we remove youth survey from the agenda? We can speak about that at next meeting.

Youth Dinner schedule/agenda:

Christian: Can we agree on a date and worry about the agenda later. I propose the last week of March. Cause that's the first week of spring break. That would be your first quarterly dinner.

Shivaun: Is it kinda of a community dinner? For them to ask questions and that?

Joshua: We can do a presentation.

Bret: Would that be on the 25th of March. That's a Monday.

Georgina: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Joshua: We can start at 2pm and have dinner at 4pm

Christian: We can have games and competitions. Door prizes, presentations, questions, survey, dinner.

Lizzy: What do you mean you guys. It's we

Captain's Run:

Christian: Anyone have a guess on what this means?

Jodie: I hope it's not an exercise.

Christian: I was telling Georgina about this idea. In Rugby you do a training session with your coaches. Then there is a session where you do it yourself.

Donaven: So, we are going to do a meeting on our own.

Christian: We are going to secretly watch on zoom. We will be there, but not there. We will leave the meeting minutes, agenda and other items blank.

Donaven: So, we have to pick the agenda

Christian: Jodie will chair the meeting. Someone has to do the minutes, bring the agenda items.

Ally: what about our food?

Christian: that's a good question. You can have a potluck style.

Ally: Awe.

Jodie: Let's have the meeting at Kings.

Christian: I can cook you pizza for the next meeting.

Georgina: It wouldn't be the next meeting. We will let you know.

Jodie: If we are eating pizza, I don't want frozen pizza. Lets jip in for Miguels pizza and wings.

Joshua: I think we should really do that captain's run. We can worry about the food later. We can discuss in the group chat. We have a good understanding of things and a good foundation to work off.

Donaven: We should put our agenda's in the group chat.

Georgina: No motions, no Resolutions or no decisions on budgets or money. Those are my only rules.

Christian: I think you guys can do this for next meeting.

Georgina: you're good to go for next meeting?

Captain's Run:

Jodie: So, we call ourselves the youth council. We sit here and have meetings. But that's all we do. I would like us to start attending Pam and Christian's Rec activities. If we don't attend, then we don't get our honorariums.

Shivaun: How many times per week.

Christian: Twice a month. During the weeks we don't meet.

Joshua: My free time goes to rest.

Jodie: I would like us to recognize that we are the youth council. We sit here and represent them.

Donaven: I like the twice a month idea.

Joshua: what is the age range of the kids that attend the gym.

Christian: Grade 5 and up. Don't have to spend the whole time, but as long as you drop in and say hi.

Ally: That makes sense. Cause looking at this questionnaire, my mind is blank.

Joshua: I think it should be optional. Some of us have a lot of things going on. A lot of things have changed.

Jodie: If it's optional, will you even go?

Christian: Same conversation as last year. There is nothing on the line or no consequence. There is nothing holding you accountable.

Shivaun: Just make it optional to attend an activity once a month.

Georgina: Let's just say we will make it optional for the first few months. Then bring it back up to remove honorariums.

Christian: Table this item for now and bring it up again in March.

Meeting ended: 7:17pm

Next Meeting: January 24, 2024