

YLA Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2023

Board Members Present (highlighted): Betsy Anthony, Nick McClellan, Chris Elrod, Matthew Kutilek, Rebecca Willis, David Orr, Sydney Cox, Brittany Kelley, Brittany Clark, Janel Crowder

Others Present: Sandee Blankenship, YLA Principal; Melissa Kennedy, YLA Assistant Principal; Nathan Swords, Special Projects Coordinator for YLA; Bryan Lively, Summit Academy Principal

Call to Order: The YLA Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Mrs. Hodge's classroom. Betsy Anthony called the meeting to order.

Public Input: N/A

Previous Month Minutes: Chris Elrod made motion to approve November minutes; David Orr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statements:

Chris Elrod made motion to approve the November 2023 financials; Ryan Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Scholarship Update- Google doc has been started with committee members to discuss the scholarship. Criteria for the scholarship is being put together currently. Exploring different scholarships to determine what is best for this one. All those involved are free to add/change things that will make it better.

2024 Hot Pursuit planning off to a good start. May 11, 2024 is race date. Already at around \$8000. Working with City of Easley for location for next swing. Swords/Sandee have meeting with Easley Parks and Rec director at the start of the new year.

New Business:

New board member- Ryan Smith. Filling the elected community at large position vacated by Brittany Kelley's appointment to educator position. Ryan was next in voting for this position during October elections. Y mentor program director, so very familiar with YLA through that program.

Board members need to do yearly background check and confidentiality statements. Background checks are available and Nathan Swords will get confidentiality statements to board members this week.

Board training dates- Betsy will send out training dates for next year. Board members please send copy of certificate of completion when finished.

2024 Board meeting dates- Brought up to keep it the second Monday of the month at 4:00pm. Ryan Smith made a motion to do meetings 2nd Monday at 4:00pm, David Orr seconded. No opposition.

Kaley McJunkin- moved to CULI offices as HR admin. YLA hired Rebecca Chappell to fill the office manager role. Rebecca comes to YLA from another middle school and has experience in students information services like Powerschool.

Principal's Report:

Great movie field trip to see Wish. Kids loved it. Great theme reinforcement.

Archery team doing great at their two competitions so far this year.

Pickens Christmas parade float. Great collaboration between YLA and Summit...float won Best Use of Theme in the parade. Thank you to KTech in Dacusville for their donations of the trailer and the truck to pull in the parade. Great community partners.

Winter Wishes- raised almost \$2500 during the competition for Family Promise of Pickens County. Goal was \$500....pushing for a couple extra day to reach goal before end of the week. Family promise is an org. that helps the homeless transition back into society. YLA Student council voted to give all money to their new playground project. YLA students will be able to help with project.

Job Shadow Day is January 2. Students can have a full day to shadow careers.

Fentanyl Awareness rally meeting scheduled for Wednesday to work on details of event.

Questions, Comments, Concerns:

Q; During training, mention liability insurance for board. Do we have that? A: Yes, we do through Utica Insurance.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: Chris Elrod made motion for the meeting to adjourn; Brittany Clark seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by

Nathan Swords, YLA Special Projects

Filling in for Rebecca Willis, Secretary