

## **Youth Council Meeting 10/10:**

**Attendance** – Lori Walsh, Sarah Epps, Matt Wilson, JoAnn Reed-Stokes, Mary Esther Malloy, Laura Heisler Mitton, Marie-Louise Miller, Judy Jakubik

### **Friends Fundraisers:**

1. They are doing amazing work this year
2. KIDS Night Out (10/6) was a big success - @ 38 kids signed up, money raised earmarked for Emergency Fund, and kids had a great time - hopefully can repeat a few times/year
3. Rivertown Thrift (10/15) - to raise money for Food Pantry, and collect some of the clothes for families in need, hopefully this can also be an ongoing revenue stream for FP
4. Write a letter to Enterprise about both these events - to thank public and raise awareness of these events and other work we're doing, Friends of YC can also write a letter
5. They are starting to plan for their annual appeal

### **Food Pantry:**

1. JoAnn - starting to plan for the holidays
2. 4 turkeys per each case (heavy!) - we might have to do a "turkey day" - we don't know the delivery date and cost for turkeys - last year we did gift cards for Foodtown so families can purchase their turkeys and sides themselves
3. Minimum for delivery is 700 lbs
4. Looking to figure out what we can get from Feeding Westchester and Family to Family - we want to get a sense of this so we can help more families
5. We have 62 Hastings only families, and 136 families total (due to SNAP decreases, pandemic, good word of mouth) - community members working with refugee families too, from Ukraine and elsewhere
6. Local Girl Scout troops used to do a turkey with fresh fixings and other food drives in Nov and Dec, to help with FP – this stopped during Pandemic – can we get troops interested again, both for holiday drives and throughout the year? – Laura will reach out to HOH GS leaders and chairpeople, to see if there's interest
7. Sarah - we need to get ahead of more breakfast and snack items for holidays, when kids are home more – we also need tuna, spam, canned chicken
8. What is better - ordering directly from Foodtown or Feeding Westchester?
9. Sarah - we have some signups for Monday and Tuesday volunteers – still need someone to check with Judy and JoAnn; a job a volunteer can do from anywhere (it's just texting/coordinating from home/work)
10. JoAnn went to a HOH 60+ Event, she gave out postcards at that event to get more senior volunteers for FP (she also met people in need of help from FP)
11. Village website - drop down to the link for YC, it has who is on YC, our new logo and a FB link (FB page not active at this time), link to the PDF presentation that Lori did last

- year – Judy – can we add an Instagram link and a link for volunteers to get involved, link to our Mighty Network? – Sarah will update and add links
12. Add our Mighty Network cost to the budget
  13. Matt - update expenditure list before our next meeting (like turkeys) – budget tracking now is with the Village, but we know what's spent, we can get that info
  14. Do a quick review of expenses at every meeting so we can specifically budget for next year too
  15. Mary Esther - get our year's worth of announcements made for FP, so we have a system to plug things into
  16. First school show coming up – all schools will have their 1st night of shows do a fundraiser for FP; bring snack foods for FP collection and make donations

#### **KIDS:**

1. They met for the first time this year
2. Eliana is the Senior Chair of KIDS - she went to the Club Fair at beginning of the year
3. Lori has been getting nonstop applications
4. In the past, handpicked a few kids from each grade – can we let everyone join who is interested and then maybe have elections for class reps for each grade?
5. A lot of excitement to work with FP
6. They plan to meet on Monday 10/17, to decide what they'll work on – core activities: supporting FP, Book Buddies, Hillside Hikes (in woods on school breaks), Vine Squad (cutting vines and invasive species), 2 blood drives, 1-2 Midnight Runs - Judy will join this Monday's meeting
7. KIDS also allowed to do personal passion projects (such as a fundraiser for Ukraine one year); opportunity for them to see a need and follow up on it
8. Hopefully they will meet more regularly
9. Judy has office space at HHS Tuesdays 11-12 pm

#### **Car:**

1. JoAnn and Lori met with Mary Beth about car
2. Friends of YC approved to give us the \$ for a Chrysler minivan plug-in hybrid - we don't drive it far enough to have to use gas, in essence it's "electric" (
3. Friends is gifting it; the Village will purchase it
4. A minivan lets us use the vehicle for multiple purposes, including FP - it's always been used for more than just Safe Rides - FP pickups, holiday pickups, getting kids to doctor appointments etc.
5. We don't have a timeline for vehicle but should be soon