

Hastings Youth Council Meeting 11/6/23 – Minutes:

Attendance:

Lori
Laura M
Matt
JoAnn
Lauren
Judy
Laura

1. Review Minutes from October meeting
2. Treasurer Report
 - a. Onboarding with Feeding Westchester has helped a great deal, able to cut budget down and still feed families, which will allow us to expand programming like college/first generation support
 - b. We gave 1 scholarship this year (Finkelday Scholarship), possibility of giving more scholarships or increasing the amount next year - keep it needs-based
 - c. Lori will reach out to Grace Church re: scholarship
3. Safe Rides Car Progress
 - a. Looks like it will be picked up Nov 17th, white Chrysler minivan plug-in
 - b. Friends of YC got local businesses to sponsor Safe Rides for a month at a time - signs in windows both at JHCC and in their own shops
4. Food Pantry Updates
 - a. Thanksgiving plans - everything ordered for Thanksgiving today and sides have been delivered, next Monday turkeys and chickens will be delivered
 - b. Plan is to have families pick up their turkeys and chickens once they arrive
 - c. Need extra coolers - Matt has a cooler to donate, JoAnn reached out to Fire Department for extra coolers as well
 - d. Call for help in Food Pantry on November 13th, btw 8-12 noon for delivery
5. YES Update:
 - a. New students continue to sign up for YES
 - b. Lists for yard workers and babysitters has been updated and sitter list has been sent to many residents who have requested it
 - c. Jobs filled in tutoring, tech, and after-school care, including a job for 3 people to help entertain lots of kids for a Halloween party
6. Help a Child
 - a. No update, need to add 2 more kids and need to find 1 sponsor - Grace Church is considering it
7. KIDS
 - a. Program up and running, already did Blood Drive

- b. After School program
 - c. Food Pantry
 - d. Midnight Run/Booster club collaboration
 - Midnight Run is Jan 20th
 - Booster Club has agreed to collab again with YC, collect clothes for Midnight Run at basketball games, then afterwards will it to Food Pantry
 - Lauren mentioned that the Hope Count is always on a Monday night (1 x year), so ideally not that night
 - The teens have been very into the Midnight Run as they get to interact directly with those they are helping (giving blankets, winter clothes, hot food)
 - e. Grace Church collaboration
 - f. Book Buddies - Kids on Kids administer it, but any HS kid can get involved
8. Friends of YC will be at Grace Church's alternative gift event next week