



SAN BENITO COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD (CAB)

Mountain Mikes Piazza

Notes

Tuesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Mission: The Community Action Board is committed to advocate for the vulnerable population in our community with resources, knowledge, and opportunities for advancement and independence.

Vision: Ending Poverty by Empowering People

Youth Ad-hoc Committee (YAC) Meeting held at Mountain Mike's Pizza April 25, 2023 7:00-8:00pm.

Attendees: Gabriella Romero, Kassandra Avila, Afton Richards, Vince Eves, Daren Kortsen, Monica Hernandez, Christy Eggers

The committee discussed what kind of youth event they would like to hold. Their feedback:

Let's put the money we would use on an event that would just entertain or be something to do and use it to fund things that lift the individual. Let's use the money to make an actual difference in youth's lives like:

- The Dream Catcher program - not funded right now but if the structure is in place could we use the \$5000 to fund it? Provide scholarships for youth to be able to sign up for activities that they couldn't otherwise afford. Make sure the activities are good ones, advertise it better, and less requirements to qualify. People need this
- Create scholarships to help youth pay for education. \$500 scholarships to help with books, tuition, supplies. Education is so important and youth need all the help they can get. Create an application and then select students. Is it too late for this year?
- Talk to agencies or groups who know youth who need help and offer activities scholarships and education scholarships
- Help fund EF tours, DC trips, grad trips and things that are offered to all youth but that some kids can't participate in without financial help

Instead of holding our own event we could Partner with:

- Chamber of Commerce - find out what events they have for this year and see if we can support one or more with money and publicity, participate in scholarship night
- Captain's Council at HHS - plan an event with them like a field day or help get sports equipment and gear to underprivileged kids so they can play sports.
- Youth Alliance

Put on a fun and/or informative HST at the High School

- Get a teacher like Mr. Shorey to sponsor, hold all week.
- HST is a good place to publicize programs and events

Sponsor a free weekly activity to get youth outside

- like hiking, walking, camping



- Have rides and food
- Learn about health and wellness, meditation

Have a campout at the beach

- Collaborate with the high school Outdoor Club or Environmental Club or Captain's Council or someone else who has the structure in place to provide liability coverage, transportation, supervision. And we help with funding and planning
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Join with Fusion or USA Sports gyms to do a Night Out for Teens

Field trips with CASA kids

Questions posed and answered by youth committee members:

- How do we get the teens who are smoking in the bathrooms to come out to an activity? They are often the ones we are trying to reach but they won't come. Only the socially aware will come and support and they already have stuff to do. Don't want to be pessimistic, but don't think anyone will come to an event. This is why scholarships are more impactful.
- Why don't youth go to events? Our generation is kind of homebodies, just wanting to stay home, hesitant to look uncool or put themselves out there to be judged by peers. They don't need an event as much as direct funding for scholarships and activities. Providing opportunities for participating in activities that develop interests and hobbies and helping fund higher education might help
- When does the \$5000 for a youth event need to be spent?