

# St. Lawrence County Youth Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 23, 2024

80 State Highway 310, Canton NY

Upstairs Conference Room, 3:00PM

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Anant Bansal - Chairman

Zoe McLean - Vice Chairman

Kerisa Burns - Secretary

Elif Centinkaya - NYS Youth Council, Membership Coordinator

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**Meeting Called to Order: 3:03PM**

**Attendance:** Anant Bansal, Prudence Cutwa, Zoe McLean, Kerisa Burns, Anya Bansal, Taha Ait Maatallah, Angiolina Hukovic, Dino Hukovic, Stanley LaFave, Ezriah Edwards, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf and Alexa Backus Chase.

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## **Youth As Solutions Article by Miranda Taylor**

- From last month's interview
  - <https://nylc.org/five-hour-free-friday-youth-as-solutions/>

## **Celebrating our Graduating Ambassadors**

**Certificates of Participation**, for our Seniors

- Zoe McLean
- Emalyn Kulp
- Kerisa Burns
- Dominic Fiacco
- Macy White
- Theo Hughes

## **Celebrating Everyone**

**Distribution of Certificates**, members in good standing with 80% or higher attendance

- Anant Bansal - Perfect Attendance
- Prudence Cutwa - Perfect Attendance
- Anya Bansal - Perfect Attendance
- Elif Centinkaya
- Zoe McLean
- Emalyn Kulp
- Kerisa Burns
- Taha Ait Maatallah
- Angiolina Hukovic

## 2024-2025 School Year Planning

### Meeting Days, Times, and Dates

- Everyone agreed that Sunday is still the best day to meet. In person meetings will still be held at the Human Services Center, upstairs conference room at 3:00PM and Zoom meetings will start at 4:00PM
- 6 Virtual meetings and 4 In person meetings
- Link to meeting schedule
  - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1we6H9oSx4u0JR1ssV7iOE8Jmey1wZA5/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1we6H9oSx4u0JR1ssV7iOE8Jmey1wZA5/view?usp=drive_link)

### Attendance and Commitment

- Attending 8 meetings will achieve 80% attendance to remain in good standing
- Attending initiatives is highly encouraged, this will also help you reach the goal of 80% attendance

### Initiatives

- September-October Membership Drive
  - With a large number of members graduating please help increase our membership by talking with friends from other schools who may be interested in joining the Youth Committee
- Partnership with Youth As Solutions (National Youth Leadership Council)
  - Members agree they want to participate again
  - Need 3 Teen Leaders to attend virtual monthly meetings with Youth As Solutions, October through May
    - Interested members; Prudence, Dino, Angiolina, Taha, Anya, Anant, and Elif
- Teen to Teen Service Based Project February/March
  - Last year's project = Five Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday 3/01
- October 20th Mandatory QPR Training
- Universal Presentation- Sextortion & Teen Suicide Prevention
- Adopt-A-Brigade
- Gizmo's Pawesome Guide to Mental Health Read-Along
- 5th Annual Trash Dash
  - Saturday & Sunday May 3rd & 4th 2025
- May Virtual Presentation by MakeltOkay.org
  - Training so Ambassadors can offer this at their school anytime
  - Reducing the Stigma Associated with Mental Illness

### Board Orientation

- Election of Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary, Membership Coordinator for 2024-2025 school year
  - Interested in Co-Chairman; Dino and Taha
  - Interested in Secretary; Anya and Angiolina
- Commitment to Serving
  - Being available to attend meetings to offer updates and reports
  - Attending initiative and helping support at schools

- Share important information to all members
- Communication with Youth Bureau Director on planning of meetings and initiatives
- Meetings are conducted by Chairman and Co-Chairman each month
- Membership Recruitment

#### **Monthly Newsletter Content**

- Submit Articles, pictures, artwork, achievements, teacher/staff shoutouts
- Represent your school by announcing what's going on
- Sharing Social Media Content for Youth Bureau to share
- PSA videos and Social Media posts for Facebook and Instagram
  - Suggested to have a different member each month responsible for submitting content

#### **May's Needs Assessment Survey Results**

- Received 1,767 Responses!
- 25% of SLC teen population
- Bullying was a major topic, possibly do bullying campaign
- The purpose is to receive feedback from SLC Youth, and allow youth to have a voice to advocate for the services offered in our County
- Supporting one another through positivity and communication

#### **Ambassador Shirts for the year**

- Would like to purchase a nice shirt to have for our Ambassadors to wear to events, such as the Youth Leadership Conference
- Accepting feedback and ideas

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:18PM**