

**Minutes
Garland Youth Council
April 1, 2008**

*Council in attendance: Beate, Cassie, Molly (chair), (Katrina late?)
Staff in attendance: Daniel
Called to order 5:21PM*

1. Approval Minutes from March 4, 2008

Approved (Beate/Cassie)

2. Committee Reports

TDS Committee – recap of March 8th event, plans for 2008-09

Discussed positive response to FTC event, had television coverage, good feedback about event

Service Project Committee – update on April event plans

Fashion for Food update, discussed urgent need for designer applications; also: event rehearsal, set-up, and event on 4/18, 4/25, and 4/26

Marketing/Promotions Committee –

Discussed facebook group, it is set up and ready to be added

Daniel & Dorothy will be at GHS lunch on 4/8

3. Reach Out Now Teach Ins

Discuss revisions to presentation and review upcoming presentation opportunities.

Discussed Teach-In packet and presentation, Council recommended a “hands on” activity to increase interest (like a coloring page, beer goggle races, pass out candy), make powerpoint more visually interesting and kid-friendly; Council will consider more changes and discuss on future agenda

4. Applications for 2008-09 Garland Youth Council

Reminder to recruit new applicants and discussion of plans for orientation & installation meetings.

Discussed need for applicants for 2008-09 Council

5. Evaluation of GYC Activities

GYC members will discuss various elements of GYC activities and evaluate their effectiveness. GYC will consider whether to exclude existing elements or include new elements to their meetings and activities.

Discussed 2007-08 GYC activities:

“Get Acquainted” meeting: Positive feedback about meeting, found value in hearing from previous year’s Council members, was a good way for new Council members to meet and begin to bond; recommended doing this before first week of school

Formal induction ceremony: Ceremony was good way to mark start of new Council, script/ceremony led into officer elections, attending Council meeting after was good

TDS Press conference: Discussed different time of day (hot!) or location (softball game, or before City Council meeting, or downtown square), wanted to attract more media

Regular meetings: Tuesdays are still a good day, start time moved to 5:30? Include more youth education about government component (potential topics: elections, laws, what’s a code/ordinance, GYC bylaws change)

TDS Event at FTC: Reached lots of people, good location for event, good publicity event, driving course drew a lot of attention

Fashion Show: On April 26.

Outreach efforts: Could do creative things to draw attention and interest, like “bring-a-friend”, themed meeting, ice breaker activity at start of meeting

Overall: A good number of activities and events, preferred concentrating on a couple big events than on many smaller ones; time commitment was not too much to handle

6. Announcements & Upcoming Events

Garland Goes Green event on April 19th, volunteer opportunity

Fashion for Food event on April 26

TDS t-shirts will be coming soon to anyone who has not received one

7. Citizen Comments

Youth are encouraged to give their input on issues in the City that impact them and offer suggestions about how to address these issues. Youth Council members

cannot respond to issues that are not posted on the agenda according to the Texas
Opens Meetings Act.

None.

8. Future Agenda Items

Teach-In presentation and changes

*Begin planning for August “get acquainted” meeting and September “induction”
ceremony*

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 5:57PM (Beate/Cassie)

Next Meeting: May 6, 2008 @ 5:15 p.m. at Granger Rec Center, 1310 W. Avenue F