

## **SYB Meeting Minutes June 2014**

Scavenger-hunt in the Farmer's Market was a blast! Teams of two and three were given sheets with pieces of information to find about the farmer's market, and prizes were awarded. It's possible we may do this again in September with all of our new members, so stay posted for an announcement on that later on!

### **Introduction of New Leadership Team and short goals:**

- Mia, Chair: Reforming SYB in terms of events, involvement, event attendance
- Akanksha, Co-Chair: Getting more people involved and coming to events
- Erika, Community Service Chair: Having SYB coordinate their own service events
- Siddhant, Programs Chair: Build motivation for SYB members to participate in more events
- Sophia, City Liaison: Build more links between city programs and SYB operations
- Alexa, Secretary: We plan on re-vamping the Facebook page for SYB to communicate more service events to members

There is a wider representative of schools for SYB board members this year! Please contact any of the new members via Facebook or email with suggestions or questions about any board operations/events this year! 😊

### **Past Events:**

- Lake Washington School District Superintendent Meeting: Siddhant and Mia went to the last superintendent meeting to discuss a range of issues. Going to superintendent meetings is useful because the opinions of students (and youth board members!) like us are actually taken very seriously by administration officials! It also helps us keep up on what other youth boards are doing.
- Issues debated:
  - Need for more personalized counselor attention: now, the district plans on adding more counselors across the schools
  - School district involvement and putting more word about SYB.
  - How widely out-of-school organizations are publicized at schools
  - Process of passing levies to make new school boundaries
  - Accessibility of Google on school Internet networks
  - Development of STEM program at schools
  - They recently opened up seventh-period sign-ups for Eastlake but are not sure if they will be implementing the program yet.
- Adopt a road: picking up trash from along the streets. This was the first road cleanup we have done in more than two years and we only had three volunteers show up! Keep in mind we can do this a few times a year on 212<sup>th</sup> avenue.

**Summer events** – watch for the document on the Facebook page! Please email [lhandlos@sammamish.us](mailto:lhandlos@sammamish.us) or [alexchristianson@gmail.com](mailto:alexchristianson@gmail.com) (or any of the executive board members!) if you know of any service events happening in the Sammamish/Issaquah area this summer.

**Above and Beyond Recognition members:** Thanks to Lynne for providing prizes for board members who contributed more time and effort than they needed to this year! We recognized these members:

- Congrats to Nihar Mahajan, Gordon Hu and Kevin Zhao for helping clean up with Adopt-a-Road! It's a tough project to take on and you guys did it!
- Mia Richards and Kate for coordinating a wonderful meal and a safe, fun, unforgettable trip to the U District of Seattle! We hope to bring more people to this event next year.
- Nishu Chakrapani for helping with the canned food drive in the hideous pouring rain on his *birthday*! That's some serious commitment – way to go!
- Erika Kumar for taking the lead at the last two Charity Circle meetings and assuming the responsibility as the new Co-Director for the 2014-2015 year!

**Senior Sendoff:** Congrats to Cody and Andrew on their prestigious college destinations for the upcoming year! We wish you well!

Keep in mind that our retreat date is **September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014!**