

JEL Executive Council

Roosevelt Room Minutes 11/15/2008

Holiday Inn Downtown, Des Moines

I. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by JEL President C.J. Petersen at 9:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes- JEL Secretary Jesse Coleman moved and Bryant Hickie seconded the approval of minutes from the July 28th Roosevelt Room. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business-

Committee Chair Approval- C.J. Mentioned that he had appointed JEL Vice President Casey Gaul to chair the Youth Advocacy Day Committee upon the resignation from the council of Jackie Joyce. Melissa Nelson moved and Meghan Campbell seconded that this appointment be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Retreat Absences- Michael Nosbisch was absent from the retreat due to an event in Chicago dealing with a foreign exchange program. C.J. Moved and Aaron Riester seconded that Michael's absence be unexcused. Discussion was held over whether the trip had been paid for in advance and whether the council should accept or reject the excuse given by Michael based on the circumstances. Voting was as follows, in favor: Aaron, Casey, Meghan, Melissa Mills, Jen Angus, Ceasar Valdez, Alex Burbach, Alisa Hoverson, and C.J. Opposed: Heather Prescott, Beth Beauchamp, Abby Brookbank, Jenny Hock, Jake Gute, Tashina Worthington, Melissa Nelson, and Bryant Hickie. Abstaining: Jesse, Ryan Brookbank, Shaina Steger, Tori Chamberlain, Jenna Zimmer, and Viki Conoan. Motion fails to gain a 2/3 majority and fails.

Melissa Nelson moved and Abby seconded to excuse Michael's absence. Voting was as follows, in favor: Ryan, Jenny, Heather, Jake, Beth, Tashina, Abby, Melissa Nelson, and Bryant. Opposed: C.J., Aaron, Casey, Meghan, Ceasar, and Alisa. Abstaining: Jesse, Jenna, Shaina, Alex, Tori, and Viki. Vote fails to gain the required 2/3 majority and Michael Nosbisch's absence is not excused.

Leah Duttweiler was absent without notice from the retreat. It was noted that it appeared on her Facebook profile that she was in Florida on vacation. Jenna moved and Alex seconded to not excuse Leah. The voting was as follows, in favor: Jesse, Casey, Meghan, Melissa Mills, Jenna, Shaina, Alex, Jenny, Heather, Jake, Beth, Tashina, Tori, Courtney Davis, Viki, Abby, Melissa Nelson, Bryant, and Alisa. Opposed: No one. Abstaining: Aaron and Ceasar. Motion passed with 2/3 majority and so Leah Duttweiler's absence from the retreat is not excused.

Viki arrived at the retreat late due to a required show choir choreography retreat. She gave two months' advance notice. Jesse moved and Bryant seconded approval of Viki's excuse. Motion passed unanimously and Viki Conoan's tardiness is excused.

Casey, Meghan, Alex, and Shaina needed to leave the retreat early on Sunday for a school musical performance and needed council approval to be gone for part of the second day. Viki moved and Abby seconded that they be excused. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Nominees- C.J. Explained that he had nominated several people to serve on the council since the last retreat due to resignations of original council members.

The first nominee was Larissa McClenathan. It was noted that Larissa is very active in her local JEL chapter, applied for council for the 2008-2009 year, and attended the youth collaboration workshop in Dixon with C.J. and Casey.

Ceasar moved and Casey seconded to accept Larissa to the executive council. The motion passed unanimously.

The next nominee was Katie Murra. It was noted that she is very active in the JEL chapter at her high school, and Jenna said she has been a great help at the local level.

C.J. Moved and Melissa Mills seconded to accept Katie. Motion passed unanimously.

The next nominee was Wendy Walljasper. Melissa moved and Aaron seconded not to approve the nomination. Discussion was held over her commitment to the previous year's executive council and remarks made about her lack of involvement at the state level following her resignation from the 2007-2008 council. Bryant noted that perhaps things have changed and suggested holding off on a vote until we have a chance to meet her. JEL Coordinator Garin Buttermore urged a vote against the motion to reject and said that it seemed unfair to take action when Wendy hadn't known about the retreat beforehand. C.J. made clear that Wendy's absence at the November retreat was not to be considered in voting for or against the current motion. Abby said that Wendy should not be approved because of her previous record and asked that a vote be called on the motion. C.J. called an end to discussion and the voting was as follows, in favor: C.J., Aaron, Casey, Meghan, Ryan, Melissa Nelson, Shaina, Alex, Jenny, Jake, Viki, Abby, Melissa Mills, and Alisa. Opposed: Heather, Beth, Tashina, Tori, and Bryant. Abstaining: Jesse, Jenna, and Courtney. Motion passed with 2/3 majority. Wendy Walljasper was not approved to become a member of the JEL Executive Council.

The next nominee was Kellen Vance. Kellen had served on the 2006-2007 executive council. Melissa Nelson and Abby noted that he was a good presenter at summit and that there was nothing wrong with his performance on council. Aaron noted that the only reason he wasn't accepted for the 2007-2008 year was that it seemed his application lacked effort. C.J., Aaron, and Casey all said that Kellen was a very vocal member of the Advanced Track at the 2008 JEL Summit, and that it was definitely positive that he had stayed involved in JEL in the past year.

Abby moved and Viki seconded to approve Kellen's nomination. The motion passed unanimously and Kellen Vance was approved to be a member of the executive council.

The next nominee was Emily Carlson. C.J. Said that he nominated her because she was very active in her local chapter and he thought her experience and leadership ability would be beneficial at the state level as a member of the executive council.

Jesse moved and Viki seconded to approve Emily's nomination. The motion passed unanimously and Emily Carlson was approved to be a member of the executive council.

Jordan Kuhns was the next nominee. C.J. Noted that Jordan was very active at the local level and had established himself as a youth leader in his community on many fronts, and that Jordan would be a huge asset to the executive council throughout the year.

Abby moved and Melissa Nelson seconded to approve Jordan's nomination. The motion passed unanimously and Jordan Kuhns was approved as a member of the executive council.

The next nominee was Audrey Davis. C.J. Said that he had met her first at summit and then at an event protesting Steve King's vote on FDA regulation of tobacco. He felt that she would be a good asset to the council.

Tori moved and Jake seconded the approval of Audrey's nomination. The vote was as follows, in favor: C.J., Aaron, Casey, Meghan, Melissa Mills, Shaina, Alex, Jenny, Jake, Viki, Melissa Nelson, Alisa, Heather, Beth, Tashina, Tori, Bryant, Courtney, and Jesse. Opposed: No one. Abstaining: Abby, Ryan, and Jenna. Motion passed and Audrey Davis was approved to the executive council.

Taylor Lewis was the final nominee to be considered. C.J. Explained that he nominated her because she had applied for council at the 2008 summit and kept in touch with him after summit regarding JEL activities. After she was nominated, she attended the youth collaboration workshop with C.J. And Casey.

C.J. Moved and Bryant seconded to approve the nomination of Taylor. The voting was as follows, in favor: C.J., Casey, Meghan, Melissa Mills, Shaina, Alex, Jenny, Jake, Viki, Melissa Nelson, Alisa, Heather, Beth, Tashina, Tori, Bryant, Courtney, Jesse, Abby, and Jenna. Opposed: No one. Abstaining: Aaron and Ryan. Motion passed and Taylor Lewis was approved to the executive council.

Summit Theme Discussion- C.J. Moved and Bryant seconded to table the discussion of the summit theme pending an online vote from the council. Motion passed unanimously.

YAD Conflict- It was noted that Youth Advocacy Day's planned date is Ash Wednesday, a major Christian holiday. Many council members would not be able to attend that day. An alternative was presented as holding Youth Advocacy Day on Monday, February 23 following the weekend retreat.

Abby moved and C.J. Seconded to request that Garin and the IDPH change the date of YAD so that it does not conflict with Ash Wednesday. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Responsibilities- Garin noted that many council members have not been keeping up with their monthly updates and that there have been respect issues. C.J. Noted that starting at the February retreat, he would seek the removal from the council members who have been severely lacking in upholding their responsibilities and the guidelines for Executive Council. C.J. Also noted that lack of respect for fellow council members is also a removable offense in the JEL Constitution.

C.J. Moved and Jordan seconded to refer this issue to the Constitutional Committee for further review. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Abby, who abstained from voting.

Approval of New Committee Members- Casey moved and Jesse seconded to approve all new members of committees as appointed by C.J. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment- None.

Adjournment- Abby moved and Casey seconded; the motion passed unanimously. C.J. declared Roosevelt Room adjourned at 10:18 p.m.