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**YOUTH COMMITTEE
 Minutes**

**Thursday, December 2, 2021
 9:00-10:00 A.M.**

Committee Members:

Whitney Doyle- FILC Council Member	Zachary Staubitz- Center for Independent Living (CIL) Youth Consumer- Ability 1st
Mira Gaitanis- Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Alumni	Michael Timmons- Center for Independent Living (CIL) Youth Consumer- CIL Jacksonville
Max Gastelum- Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Alumni	Kim Dittman- Center for Independent Living (CIL) Youth Coordinator- Disability Achievement Center

FILC Staff - Sarah Goldman - Director of Youth Initiatives

Committee Members Present

Whitney Doyle
 Mira Gaitanis
 Zachary Staubitz
 Michael Timmons
 Max Gastelum
 Kim Dittman

Committee Members Absent

None

Staff

Sarah Goldman
 Beth Meyer

Call to Order/Roll Call

Ms. Doyle opened the meeting and roll was called.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously. (Staubitz/Timmons)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 11-4-21 were approved unanimously. (Gaitanis/Gastelum)

Old Business

- Fly Five-Mira Gaitanis
 - Ms. Gaitanis gave an overview of The Five Fly website.
 - Central to Fly Five is a cast of nine characters who, along with their families represent a wide range of differences in race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, age, physical and/or mental capabilities, and religious beliefs. Fly was specifically and intentionally designed to address the gaps in adequate representation.
 - The committee will research and revisit at a later meeting re: education.
- YLF Event Surveys
 - Ms. Goldman asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the surveys that were sent out. There were no comments or questions.

New Business

- FILC Website Youth Page Discussion
 - Ms. Goldman reported that FILC's new website has launched and is 100% accessible. She asked that Committee members go to the site to review.
 - Ms. Goldman stated that FILC would like to add a Youth page. She asked what they would like to see and received the following suggestions:
 - Feature spotlights of them with a bio.
 - Mr. Timmons would like to see cartoon characters of each of them with in depth paragraphs talking more about themselves.
 - Mr. Gastelum volunteered to work on comic strips of group.
 - Ms. Goldman suggested the comic project be separate from the website content.
- FILC Youth Committee Social Media Discussion
 - Mr. Staubitz stated that we can use apps such as Remind 101 and/or Constant Contact to blast information to the CILs. He will begin content planning for Facebook and Instagram. Mr. Gastelum stated that we need to diversify the content to reach as many people as possible.
 - Ms. Doyle reminded the Committee that an age range will need to be determined prior to starting all social media.

- Other Recommendations included a link tree, and Heart Radio—build your own radio broadcast.
- A Sub Committee—Content committee is needed.

- 2022 Independent Living Conference Youth Track
 - Ms. Goldman reported that FILC is holding an IL Conference. She requested comments, suggestions, and recommendations for content including social gatherings for evenings.

Action Items

- Create Content Committee
- 2022 IL Conference feedback

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2022.

Public Comment

The Committee sang Happy Birthday to Mr. Staubitz.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was unanimous. (Gaitanis/Dittman)