

Young Professionals Network



6/15/2016 Meeting Notes

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At the June 15th YPN meeting, the committee focused on logistics.

We discussed purposes of the committee as encompassing three major components: Educational (speakers with content and discussion), Charitable (community outreach), and Networking (social meetups and skill building sessions).

NHMR YPN Committee discussed the format of future meetings:

Call to order, expanded introductions, featured Speaker, Q&A, open forum, shine time (one member's elevator pitch), and new business.

The community outreach suggestion "Walnut Beach Ice Cream Run" 5K benefiting Boys and Girls Club of Milford was introduced and the committee voted in favor of supporting the cause. We will hold discussion in the July YPN meeting about the scope of the committee's involvement, whether it be running, volunteering at the event, or a financial contribution. The event is scheduled for August 7th 8:30 am at Walnut Beach Pavilion, Milford. Suggestions included: showing a unified presence by procuring and wearing NHMR YPN t-shirts and sponsoring a water station for the event.

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In terms of promotion for our committee, we discussed the various vehicles we have in place such as: YPN webpage, MLS MOD, YPN Facebook page, and ENews. That led to talk about member accountability, requirements to be considered a YPN member, & rules on posting to the FB page. We have noticed that a NHMR member, who is not active in the YPN, has been posting frequently to the YPN FB page. We discussed requiring admin approval for posts to the page. After the meeting, I updated the page settings to require admin approvals on posts and deleted some of the “spam” type posts on the page.

Volunteers were sought for the YPN leadership role of Vice Chair and two committee members expressed a willingness to take on the role: Lisa Smith of Weichert and Jennifer Delaurentis of The Higgins Group. Thank you for stepping up! Alan will be bringing these suggestions to the BOD meeting on June 24th.

The committee has held monthly social meetups, a decision was made to schedule the meetups on the 4th Wednesday of each month. This does not apply to June, as the social meetup will be Fred’s BBQ on 6/25. A suggestion was made to vary the meetup place.

June’s social meetup is a BBQ scheduled for June 25th at Fred Moore’s house, 13 Edgewood Rd, Wallingford. Register to attend and volunteer to bring a dish on the Sign Up Genius page. Raffle items are being accepted for the event and will be raffled to attendees. Event is BYOB and BYOC. Sign-up sheet for BBQ on 5/25 at Fred’s house was passed around.

Some other ideas brought to the table during the meeting:

- Setting up a question box for members to insert questions they may not be able to address elsewhere
- Creating a list of professional partners (for our purposes they are Affiliate members)
- The importance of RESPONSE in business and life. Don’t hesitate when it comes to answering texts, emails, or returning phone calls.
- Apps Slydial and YouMail were mentioned.
- Group Catch Phrase: suggested~ Expose Yourself! Come see “Y” at the YPN.
- Incentives for member participation and/or leadership roles.

The next YPN meeting is scheduled for July 20th, 10 am at NHMR North Haven.

Thank you to all who were able to attend. Bring a friend to our next meeting!