

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- January 23rd, 2023

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: R. Cullotta, M. Cullotta, Sebastian, Doerr, Burton, Neil, and Dankowski were present. Absent: Ludwig and Al-Naemy. Also in attendance were Garrity [Rodinos, MW Key Club sponsor and Keegan, city liaison.

Public Comment: Garrity-Rodinos briefly talked about Key Club and their participation at the Tree Lighting. They were asked by Keegan to host a table at the event and helped out with Holiday Heroes.

Approval of Minutes- November 28th, 2022 - Minutes were distributed, with Neil making a motion and seconded by Burton to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Review- Gingerbread Decorating - Dankowski talked about the success of this event held on December 5th with the Seniors at the Frisbie Center. There were ten groups of four competing, with teens and seniors. Doerr, Neil, J. Hock and Keegan were also present. Voting was done for three weeks by the seniors. Samuelson bought and distributed gift cards to the winners **Tree Lighting-** Ludwig decorated the tree with a family and their two children. This is a 45 min to one hour

activity, held on a Friday night. Many kids were unavailable, due to school activities. **Holiday Hoopla** - 120 people attended this popular event, chaired by Sebastian. Ludwig, Mr. Hock, Mr. Bober (Santa), M. Cullotta and Keegan helped. There were many volunteers from the YAB and Maine West in attendance.. Arts/Crafts, letters to Santa, and Juice/cookies were featured.

Budget - Keegan distributed a copy of the 2022 final budget. The commissioners then went over the proposed 2023 budget, with detailed lists of activities. There was lots of discussion about various events. Suggestion was made to try to pair up events in an effort to utilize volunteers and increase numbers. Intergenerational and middle school events were the focus. As with anything, students' commitment to help may be affected by their schedules/jobs/and other activities. Focus on the physical, mental, and social impact of helping others by connecting in any way..

Budget was amended and kept in general categories of Teen Events - \$5,000.00, Community Events- \$ 5000.00, Intergenerational Events - \$700.00, Youth Training- \$3000.00, and General Expenditures - \$1300.00. Motion was made by Doerr and seconded by Sebastian to approve budget. Motion was carried.

Upcoming -

Trivia Challenge- Neil -Frisbie Center, Jan. 25th- 4 to 5:30.

Fun Fair- R. Cullotta- 2 pm to 5 pm at Maine West - Cullotta reported that the credit of \$ 475.00 due to the city of Des Plaines during the pandemic when event was canceled, is NOT being accepted by the new owner of DynoJump. We were told that we would be able to use this towards the inflatables that we had been renting at a future event with owner. Keegan is checking with the city and will update us on this. **Middle School Dodgeball** - Doerr will chair this event, which will be held on Feb. 17th from 6 to 9 at Prairie Lakes CC.. She has developed an entry form for students to complete for this co-ed tourney. She will be ordering prizes and dodgeballs, (8" size were suggested) as well as food for the participants. Dankowski will be getting leaders from MW to help run the tourney and assist with food. Dankowski sent instructions for the set up required to the DPPD. *Keegan is checking on waivers that might be required by the city.*

Community Liaisons' Reports- Tabled until next meeting.

Other Business- Dankowski inquired about some of the changes in the city's policies when ordering. She had three copies of what we had received previously. The intent of this was to make sure that we were up to date on current practices, especially in the ordering and picking up of supplies. The commissioners are not always available to pick up items as they come in. Keegan has dropped off items to facilitate this, which is appreciated. ALL items must go to city

hall and be picked up. They do not have space to house items.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. ***The next meeting will be held on February 27th at 6:00 p.m.***