Des Plaines Youth Commission Meeting
Minutes *-February 27, 2023*

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Dankowski, Chair at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: Al-Naemy, Doerr, Neil, Burton, Sebastian, R. Cullotta, M. Cullotta, Ludwig and Dankowski,.   Also present: Dr. Michael Amadei, Superintendent of D62, Mr, John Hock, Ms. Cindy Georgelas, and D.Keegan, DPYC liaison. Teens Brooke, Paige, and Matthew were also present.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from *January 23rd, 2023* were presented- Motion made by Neil and seconded by Burton to approve minutes.   Motion was carried.

Review of middle school dodgeball tourney. - Doerr chaired this event and worked with D62 principals and PE teachers to advertise the event, which was held on February 17th from 6 to 9 p.m. Flyers and waivers were distributed to the middle schools. There were 36 participants who had a great time, led by MW leaders who officiated the tourney and assisted with the open gym for those who were waiting to play. Thanks to Mr Hock for his help and enthusiasm, Keegan for purchasing items needed, and Dankowski for the officials. This was the first middle school program we have done in a while and we will survey the students to see what their interests are. Parents were present and were very happy with the event. Thanks to the DPPD for the use of the facilities. Pictures were taken and published in the newspaper by a photographer who was present for another event.

Fun Fair- This event has been held at MWHS for the past ten years.It was scheduled for March 11th and an entertainer was scheduled. After meeting with Mr.Aldworth, AP for Students, Dankowski reported that he did not want to hold the event and wanted to do something in the fall. Dankowski will communicate further information at our next meeting.

Intergenerational Events - Both the January and February events were canceled due to weather and student/senior availability. Dankowski gave a brief overview of future events. The calendar set for these events is tentative, as explained by Dankowski.

Upcoming:
Friends Connect Prom -This event is scheduled for April 13th at MWHS. The DPYC has supplied favors for the prom for many years and will do so again. Dankowski is

waiting for information from the staff on this event. Dr. Amadei was very interested in this event and inquired about students' previous teachers attending.

Intergenerational Event- March 13th at FC- BIngo - Dankowski will send a list of prizes to Keegan . Students who were present gave information about the ideas they had generated for the May event. Their ideas were themes of love, kindness, happiness, the future, and best memories. This was in response to ideas for a mural, which will be created. Students also created a list of names for these events, which will be shared with the seniors.

Pay it Forward - Burton gave background on what has previously been done in D62 schools to promote random acts of kindness. Plaques were given to each school who participated, with a featured drawing of activity. Dr. Amadei talked about a book drive, which involves donating a book in exchange for another one. D62 is in the process of establishing "little libraries" in school neighborhoods to promote reading and to acquire additional books. This is a great idea and would benefit many kids. Dankowski will send a letter with Burton to D62 principals for this April activity. R. Cullotta. and M. Cullotta will assist.

Budget- 2023 - Keegan distributed a copy of the budget. Dankowski inquired about the shipment of items ordered. The city wants all items to go directly to the city. No items may go to a residence. Keegan did say items may be shipped to MWHS, when asked about the prom favors.

Community Liaison Reports - None were given

Other business- Dankowski requested that four large bins were needed for additional items at PLCC. Cabinets are currently being cleaned out and inventoried.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 20th, 2023 at PL.