

## **Des Plaines Youth Commission Meeting- Minutes -May 23rd, 2023**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Roll Call**- Neil, Doerr, M. Cullotta, Al-Naemy, Ludwig, and Dankowski present. Also present: Dr. M. Amadeit, District 62 Superintendent and Keegan, liaison to DPYC.  
Absent: Sebastian, Burton, and R. Cullotta.

**Public Comment**- Ms. Monica Petrenko attended the meeting and was very interested in volunteering with the Youth Commission.

**Previous Minutes of April 24th, 2023** - Neil and Ludwig made motions to approve minutes. Motions were carried.

### **Review of:**

**Middle School BB Tourney- May 13th** - Doerr talked about the two students (Mach and Patel) who implemented and planned the entire event. There were 40 kids that participated as well as a number of others who attended. The bleachers were full of parents who stayed and watched the entire tournament. It was a great event and the middle school was very appreciative, both parents and players. Thanks to the D62 principals and staff who helped support the event.

**Mural Painting - May 15 FC** - Neil discussed what a great intergenerational event it was. R. Popko from the Des Plaines Art Guild and her assistant helped the teams with painting free hand or using stamps to make a quilt. It was well received by all present.

**Pay it Forward** - Dankowski talked about the great response received from district 62. Dr. Amadei was very pleased with all of the things the district is doing to support the event. A date of September 18th at 7pm was set to distribute plaques to students and their schools at the school board meeting. Dr. Amadei is handling the details for this event and Burton will order the plaques.

### **Updates:**

**Co-Rec Softball** - Dankowski is still taking registrations for this event which will start on June 10th at Rand Park. Neil had chosen June 17th for the annual BBQ (this date will be changed because the city is having the Taste that weekend. Date TBA). An allocation of \$1,000.00 was made by Neil/Ludwig and approved for Co-Rec. Motion was carried.

**Taste of Des Plaines** - Commissioners made the decision to be present on both Friday June 16th (5-8pm: Doerr, Neil, Sebastian, Dr. Amadei to assist) and Saturday June 17th

(12-4pm: Dankowski, M. Culotta, R. Cullotta, and volunteers) Dankowski is recruiting volunteers.

**July 4th Parade** - Burton is handling details (*Dankowski will ask about softball players walking*)

### **Fall Events:**

**National Night Out** - It will be run on August 1st, 2023 with location currently unknown. R. Cullotta / M. Cullotta will be ordering items for this.

**Food Trucks** - This back to school city event will be held at Library Plaza on August 15th. Ludwig will chair and will need two tables for the DPYC. Promotional items, as well as prizes will be distributed. Neil and Ludwig made motions to allocate \$450 for this event. Motion was approved.

**Harvest Hoot - October 14th at Oakton College** - This is a family-oriented event which will be discussed at our August meeting.

**Fall Fest Dates** - September 15th/16th at Lake Opeka. This is run by Des Plaines Park District and be discussed at our August meeting.

**Truck or Treat** - Will be discussed at our August meeting.

**Intergenerational** - **August 31st** (*Trivia*)      **September 10th** (*Grandparents Day*)

**October 30th** (*Blankets*)    **November** (*Veterans Day at Maine West, date TBA*)

**December 4th** (*Gingerbread House competition*)

**Budget** - Keegan distributed budget. She inquired about a September 9th event discussed by Aldworth at Maine West Zoom meetings. Dankowski to follow up with Aldworth for details.

**Youth Training** - Dankowski/Neil/Burton with details coming at the September meeting. Dr. Amadei was asked for his input on this event.

**Community Liasion's Reports** - No reports.

**Announcements / Other Business** - Keegan said that First Congregational Church may be in need of volunteers. Petrenko is very willing to help in any way and Dankowski thanked Petrenko for attending the meeting. Dankowski recommended ordering all items needed through Keegan well in advance.

**Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm

**Next Meeting Date - August 28th, 2023**