

Des Plaines Youth Commission Meeting Minutes- April 24th, 2023

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Dankowski, CHair at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call - Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: Neil, Burton, Sebastian, Al-Naemy, Ludwig, M. Cullotta, R. Cullotta, and Dankowski. Also present: Dr. Amadei, District 62 Superintendent, Mr. John Hock, and D. Keegan, liaison to DPYC.

Public Comment - Mr. Hock announced that he is running for judge. Mr. Hock has been volunteering with the DPYC and doing a wonderful job. We sincerely appreciate all of his efforts and wish him well. He is currently coaching softball in DP and will continue to help when he can.

Previous Minutes- Date on minutes was corrected. Burton and Neil made motions to approve correction. Motion was carried.

Review of Co-Sponsored Programs-

Bingo- March 13th- Intergenerational - This went over well, with over 20-25 people in attendance. Prizes were given to participants. *Dankowski chair*

Line Dancing, April 14th - This was a huge success with over 40 people in attendance. This was the Frisbie dance group, along with MW dancers and volunteers. Bandanas were distributed, with a buffet dinner served by FC. R. Cullotta in attendance. *Dankowski chair*

Friends Connect Prom - M. Cullotta/Dankowski were in attendance. Cullotta reported on the dancing and camaraderie of students and staff. Pizza and other refreshments were served, along with the prom favors we supplied! (sunglasses)

Upcoming Events:

May 13th, MS 3 on 3 BB Tourney - Students from MW came up with the idea and presented it to Dankowski. They had specific ideas on how to run it. *Doerr* is chairing this and will take care of prizes/food. The students are making a bracket sheet for the tourney. Dankowski will help and is providing high school officials. Deadline to enter is May 3rd. \$400.00 allocation made- motions: Burton/Neil- Motion approved

May 15th Painting Party at Frisbie-R. Popko will lead the seniors and teens in making a hand painted mural. The theme of love and best memories will be shared. DPYC is providing journals for all to write notes to one another to share in this special event and others. 3:45 until 5:30. *Dankowski chairing.*

Pay it Forward - *Burton/Dankowski* are chairing this. Notes were sent to D62 J. Bova and Dr. M. Amadei, who forwarded it to building principals. All responses, with pictures, are being sent to Burton, who will coordinate plaques that will be distributed in the fall at a D62 board meeting. Dr. Amadei talked about the various events that are being done at D62 schools. Thank you for helping promote this event. We want our community to see all the wonderful things that are done by staff & students at our schools.

National Night Out-Date given was August 1st.Keegan reported that information is currently unknown. R. Cullotta/ M. Cullotta are chairs for this.

Co-Rec Softball -Flyers given out at MW and D62 for incoming 8th graders to make a team. We have shirts and are waiting for payments made to DPPD to put names on the back of shirts and do schedule. *Neil/Dankowski* are chairs. Barbeque date will be announced at the next meeting. Dankowski asked Dr.Amadei to throw out the first ball, if available. (date will be announced at the next meeting) He is trying to get current 8th graders interested in participating in this very popular activity.

Taste of Des Plaines- will be held on June 16th & 17th. *Doerr is chairing this. Neil, Burton, R., Cullotta, M. Cullotta and Dankowski offered to help.* There was discussion about doing both Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting. It will be on the May agenda .A motion of \$ 450.00 was made by Neil and approved by Burton, motion was carried. Doerr is taking care of ordering items needed and may use passport to have kids visit other tables at the Taste.(same as last year) Doerr is completing the application sheet for this event. Friday's times are 5 to 8 and Saturday is 12 to 8:00 .

July 4th Parade- *Burton* is chairing the parade. \$ 500.00 was approved after a motion made by Neill and seconded by /R. Culotta. Burton received an application from the city and will complete it. Keegan said the fee is usually waived, as we are a city group, but she would check on it.

Harvest Hoot - Keegan announced this city event that will be held on October 14th at Oakton College. We will discuss our interest in having a table to distribute promotional items, etc.

Food Trucks- The city will be sponsoring food trucks at various locations in Des Plaines. The intent is to bring our citizens out to enjoy music and participate for a few hours with your neighbors. The locations will be at Friendship Park on May 23rd, Metropolitan Square on August 15th, and DP Library on September 19th. We will revisit DPYC's involvement at the Back to School Event at Metropolitan Square. *Please check your calendar to see your availability and interest in chairing any of our events.*

Budget - Keegan distributed the budget and we currently have \$14,144.51 for the remainder of this year. All purchases/expenditures must be done by the end of November to be reflected in the budget.

Community Liaison's Reports- Dankowski reminded commissioners to bring back information on the groups they represent to see how we can co-sponsor something or provide additional volunteer opportunities for kids. M,. Cullotta is checking on volunteer needs at FC for "Feed My Sheep".

Announcements/Other business- Dankowski asked for clarification on waivers for all those volunteering on behalf of the DPYC. All those who do so must complete a waiver.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m. The next meeting date is May 22nd, 2023.

