

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- 3/28/22

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: Sebastian, Ludwig, R. Cullotta, AL-Naemy, M. Cullotta, Doerr, Neil, and Dankowski. Absent: Burton- YAB: Burke, Olsen, DeRusha, Prichisky, S. Cullotta, D.Cullotta, J. Cullotta, and Leidolf.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from February 24th were presented. Motion made by Doerr and seconded by Neil to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Welcome to YAB: Dankowski gave a general introduction of students who were invited back to give their input on what they would like to see in Des Plaines. They brainstormed in the adjoining room and would report back at 7:45 p.m.

Budget: M. Stern distributed copies of budget to commissioners. Dankowski inquired about a balance we had with Dino-Jump re inflatables that were not used, due to event cancellation. If we decide to use inflatables, please know that the city will need proof of insurance, so additional time should be allowed to complete this process. We will be using \$200.00 from our budget (Teen) for favors for the Friends Connect Prom that will be held on April 9th.

Ideas for 2022- Commissioners received a copy of a list of potential activities/events for the remainder of the year. Decision was rendered to not move ahead currently with Pay it Forward for this year, but plan it for next April. Three dates in May were given for a Trivia Contest with the seniors at Frisbee Center. They are May 3rd, the 5th, and the 12th. Dankowski will communicate and set up with Mr. Samuelson at FC. *We are looking for a chair for the July 4th parade. Perhaps softball teens and kids from D62 could participate.* National Night Out has been scheduled for August 2nd. Commissioners Cullotta will contact the individual from the police department. Fall Fest will be held September 16th and 17th. The DPPD is sponsoring the Trunk or Treat at PL. Commissioner Doerr will get information from the DPPD. The DPPD may use the inside of the building. Tree Lighting and Holiday Hoopla are scheduled for December. Dankowski contacted Rosemary Argus and DPYC will make cards for Thanksgiving baskets.

Our April meeting will include planning of Taste of DP and possibly a September family event. *Please bring additional ideas.* . Commissioner M. Cullotta will check on the DPYC volunteering at Feed My Sheep.

Presentation by YAB: Olsen, Burke, DeRusha, and Prichisky presented ideas that were generated by the youth that were in attendance. There were lots of great ideas. Discussion will ensue with students, looking at calendar availability. A list will be given out at our next meeting, so that students can help to coordinate and implement details of what the commissioners reviewed and the recommendations presented by the YAB. Groups consisting of students and commissioners will collaborate and plan accordingly.

Other Business: Dankowski received a \$ 100.00 check for Co-Rec softball to be used for water for players for this summer.” Colin’s Cooler “was set up approximately six years ago in memory of this young man. This check will be reflected as a donation on our budget.

Thanks to M. Stern for the supply of buttons (for future events) and pizza for the meeting.

Commissioner Al-Naemy would like to see a list of community resources and contact numbers to assist residents of Des Plaines.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

*The next meeting will be held on **April 25th at 6:00 p.m.at Prairie Lakes.** Contact Dankowski if you will not be in attendance.*