

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes 4/25/22

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call- Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: Sebastian, R. Cullotta, Al-Naemy, M. Cullotta, Doerr, Neil, and Dankowski. Absent: Burton and Ludwig.

Public Comment- Mr. John Hock, Mr. Jim Bober, and were in attendance. We thank them for their valuable input.

Previous Minutes- Minutes from March 28th were distributed. Motion made by Neil and seconded by Sebastian to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Welcome to YAB- Dankowski gave a general introduction of the YAB and Tyler Fuchs, who is the Athletics and Facilities Manager for the Des Plaines Park District introduced himself. He was invited to meet with students in an effort to help implement the ideas they had presented at our March meeting. The group worked in an adjacent room.

Commissioners- The following commissioners presented information on other community events:

R. Cullotta, National Night Out - It will be held on August 2nd in the DP Police Parking lot. She is awaiting additional information from contact person. *Doerr, Halloween Fest - The DPPD will hold the Trunk or Treat on October 29th from 12 to 3:00 p.m. outdoors at Prairie Lakes.* Suggestion was made to possibly have indoor events one hour after the closing of this event. Discussion ensued and Mr. Hock said that he would not return with his family to attend an inside event the same day. Other commissioners gave input also. *M. Cullotta, Feed My Sheep- It is held every Wednesday from 4 to 6:30 at the Frisbie Center.* Volunteers are needed. Contact Pam or Kathy, if interested.

Ideas for 2022- The Taste of Des Plaines is being held on Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th. Various ideas were discussed. Doerr and Neil will work on Friday night, with Doerr implementing a "passport" that she did years ago (5:00 to 8:00). Kids will get this and go to different tables at the Taste. When returning, they will get a prize. R. Cullotta, M. Cullotta, and Dankowski will work on Saturday (11:00 to 2:00). Dankowski will see if any of our YAB are interested in participating. Prizes will be purchased for the two days for \$325.00.

Budget- Stern distributed the budget showing a current balance of \$14,546.25. Dankowski gave Stern a check for \$ 100.00, which was a donation for water for C-Rec Softball League. Stern is sending Dankowski a link to our community resources.

Other Business- Dankowski presented a picture of the students in their "sunglasses", which the DPYC bought for *Lifeskills Prom*, held at MWHS on April 9th. Sebastian commented that her daughter volunteered and it was very successful. *Fall Fest - The DPYC will have a table and distribute promotional items.* Dankowski presented an idea

of a *Community Appreciation Night*, which will be held on September 24th. The commission liked the idea. We will work on ideas at our May meeting. On May 5th, we will co-sponsor a *Trivia Contest* at the Frisbie Center from 4:00 to 5:30. Dankowski sent information to NHS members looking for volunteer hours. At this time, we will talk to seniors about the idea of an intergenerational dance. *Fourth of July Parade* - We are hoping that Burton will chair this. Perhaps we could have Co-Rec players participate and wear their shirts. Neil announced that he has confirmed a vendor for the shirts, after going out on bid. Dankowski will distribute an up to date calendar for the 2022 events that we can present to the community, both on our website and at the actual event.

Next Meeting Date - May 23rd, 2022 - This will be our last meeting until August.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m