

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes

September 26, 2022

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

Roll Call: Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: Neil, Al-Naemy, Ludwig, R. Cullotta, M. Cullotta, Sebastian, Doerr, and Dankowski. Absent: Burton
Also present: D.Keegan, Mr. John Hock, Mr. James Bober, Francesca Bober, and Christa Adams, Maine West Community Liaison.

Public Comment: Ms. Adams discussed her role as the liaison and her efforts in promoting opportunities for Hispanic students and their families. "Warriors in the Neighborhood", which was held at Lake Opeka provided families with information about school registration and training. Ms. Adams will be working with other organizations, including D62 to continue to communicate with families about educational and other opportunities. There is a Family Center housed at Maine West.

Previous Minutes : Minutes from 8/29/22 were distributed. Motion was made by Neil and seconded by Ludwig to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

Introductions: Commissioners introduced themselves to Ms. Adams and spoke about their various roles in the community, as did Mr. Hock and Mr. Bober.

Community Appreciation Night - Comments were positive and all commissioners/volunteers presented their own insights on the organization and conversations they had with those in attendance. We did not realize that people could enter through the pool door, which was why some people said they did not receive bags or know about the cards. This was rectified by moving the cards into the gym. Thanks to all and a special thanks to Mr. Hock and the Bober family.

Upcoming: We will participate in the DPPD event on October 29th and will meet at 11:30 to set up.. Mr. Hock offered to help with the button machine and *R. Cullotta will order candy through Keegan.* M. Cullotta, Al-Naemy, Sebastian, Dankowski, and F. Bober will also assist.

Tree Lighting - will be held on Friday, December 2nd- Al-Naemy & Ludwig to chair with student volunteers. Contact Gloria if you want to help.

Holiday Hoopla - Sebastian, Ludwig, Al;-Naemy and student volunteers will be at the library from 12 until 3:00 for this event, which will be held on December 10th.. *Sebastian will order needed items from Keegan.* Please arrive by 11:15. Contact Joanie if you are interested in volunteering. Note: Mr. Bober offered to play Santa. Keegan is checking on what city needs to be completed regarding this.

The YAB volunteers will be invited to our October 24th meeting to make additional ornaments for trees in Metropolitan Square and to write out cards for Thanksgiving to be delivered with baskets from DP Community Foundation.. Pizza/snacks will be ordered for all through Keegan.

Budget : The current balance is \$ 8561.66. Dankowski requested plastic shoe box bins be ordered from the Dollar Store, so items could be organized and labels applied, so we know what is available. We requested a box of them.

Announcements: Dankowski read a thank you note from the life skill students expressing their appreciation for the pizzas for their Homecoming Party, prior to the football game.

The following organizations approached Dankowski about working together::

- Feed My Sheep- Frisbie Center-
- DP Historical Society
- Frisbie Center- they are interested in continuing with Intergenerational Events.
- MYCAF - Dr. Collins is looking for kids & volunteers for Blanket of Dreams- Nov. 19th at Mary Seat of Wisdom Church in Park Ridge.

Keegan reported that Stern, our previous liaison and Director of Communications for the city of DP requested that no photographers be contacted, unless it is through her. Dankowski had seen the city photographer at another event and he said he was unable to be at the C.A.N. Dankowski contacted the DP Journal about participating in the event. They were sent a letter on August 13th and did not respond. An inquiry was made about the possibility of sending someone. The individual said we were on the list because they had received a letter. We will contact Stern well in advance, so that publicity could be given to our events and a photographer could be scheduled. This has always been needed to advertise our events and to let the city be cognizant of our diligence in fulfilling our duties.. *Also, an agenda of upcoming meetings will be posted at PL.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 24th at 6:00 p.m. and our November meeting is scheduled for November 28th at PL. NO December meeting.. Please call Dankowski, if unable to attend.