

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes - 11/28/22

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Dankowski, Chair

Roll Call: Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: Neil, Burton, R. Cullotta, M. Cullotta, Sebastian, Ludwig, and Dankowski. Absent: Doerr and Al-Naemy Also present: Dr. M. Amadei, D62 Superintendent, D.Keegan, Mr. John Hock and Mr. Jim Bober

Public Comment: Dr.Amadei expressed regret that he was unable to attend our October meeting and distributed wrapped cookies to all!

Previous Minutes: Minutes from 10/24/22 were distributed. The following two corrections were made: Juskiewicz was corrected to Juskiewicz and the words "proposed budget for 2023 for DPYC were added because the said amount of \$15,000.00 *has not been approved yet*, Neil made a motion and Burton seconded the motion to approve minutes with those corrections. Motion was carried.

Review: R. Cullotta discussed our participation at Trunk or Treat held on October 29th at Prairie Lakes. John Hock and his daughter Bridget did a wonderful job making the buttons. M. Cullotta, . Al-Naemy, and Dankowski were also present to distribute candy and have kids color and make buttons. There was a problem getting them made in a short period of time. We will revisit this in the future. Thanks to R. Cullotta and commissioners.

Dankowski reviewed the blanket making with seniors at Frisbie Center for the homeless.. There were 18 participants who participated in making blankets for the homeless. Thanks to R,Cullotta for ordering the fabric and M. Cullotta, Sebastian, Doerr, and Keegan for participating with the seniors and teens. Mr. Bober was also present and brought the completed blankets to Teri Collins of MYCAF. A special thanks to M. Cullotta and Sebastian who took fabric home to make additional blanks. Next year, we need to order fabric scissors.

Tree Lighting - Ludwig is chairing this event and will decorate tree in MS with volunteers on Dec.2nd at 3:45. Keegan will supply additional decorations, with ornaments made at C.A.N. and DPYC meeting.

Update: Gingerbread House competition was held on December 5th and featured 40 seniors and teens. Doerr, Neil, Dankowski, and Mr Hock assisted with this very popular event. Samuelson bought gift cards and will advise on winners, as houses needed to stay overnight. Thanks to Keegan for treats and to Sanuelson for the large GH kits and additional decorations.

Holiday Hoopla was held on December 10th at the library. Sebastian chaired, with assistance from Ludwig, M. Cullotta, Mr. Hock, and Mr. Bober. Update: This was very well attended, with close to 200 people in attendance!

Budget - Keegan distributed the budget and commission needed to spend the \$100.00 donation before the end of the year or lose it. It cannot be put into escrow. Burton made a motion and Neil seconded to purchase two speakers to use at Co-Rec Softball for

announcements, music, etc. Motion was carried. Keegan is purchasing from Sam's Club. Burton sent link for this item, which are listed as \$ 49.88 each. Also, Neil suggested that we purchase shirts for Co-Rec Softball now, since funds were available in the 2022 budget. Neil is contacting vendor, so we can move ahead and order the shirts. Keegan also stated that the city will not let the commission purchase gift cards as we have done in the past. These were used as prizes for respective events, as well as for our YAB senior students. Dankowski inquired about donations made to the DPYC. Unless they are earmarked for a specific purpose or group, determination of those donations will be decided by the DPYC commissioners.

Survey Ideas/ Liaisons - Both commissioners and teens were given a survey to decide on what activities they would like to see in Des Plaines. Also, based on our Community Appreciation Night, we were able to dialogue with other organizations in an effort to sponsor activities. Commissioners received a list of responsibilities and liaison groups they would represent in 2023. The purpose of this is to see what other groups are doing, in an effort to not duplicate or hold events simultaneously. We can look at continuing to co-sponsor events/activities. Dankowski asked Dr. Amadei about District 62's interests/ideas in youth training, since this is something we would. He will consult with D62 personnel. Dankowski reiterated what a pleasure it is to have District 62 involved with the DPYC.

Announcements - • Dankowski announced that 332 cards were brought over to Rosemary Argus for the D.P. Community Foundation was delivering over 300 Thanksgiving baskets to the needy on Thanksgiving. Thanks to Chippewa Middle school, DPYC YAB, MW Key Club, and MW life skill students for the beautiful cards.

- Keegan distributed forms for ALL commissioners and volunteers to sign, which will permit them to volunteer at the events/activities. (This is for those over 18 years of age)
 - Keegan also announced that four commissioners' terms had expired and that letters of continued interest in serving on the commission had to be sent to Mayor Goczkowski & Keegan. Those commissioners are Burton, Neil, Al-Naemy, and Dankowski.
 - Keegan furnished tentative dates for 2023 for city events. There will be three Food Truck Festivals, a Community Garage Sale, Taste of Des Plaines, and National Night Out. These will be communicated, once the dates have been confirmed.
 - Keegan briefly responded to question about events that the city sponsors. They include Taste of DP, Tree Lighting, Independence Day Parade, Winter Fair in the Square, and Community Garage Sale. Dankowski inquired because we wanted to see if DPYC could or would be involved in the new Winter Fair in the Square..

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.. The next meeting will be held on January 23rd, 2023 at PL. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful job this year!