

**Des Plaines Youth Commission Meeting
Minutes -November 22, 2021**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Mary Dankowski, Chair at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated the following commissioners present: Al-Naemy, Doerr, Neil, Burton, Dankowski, Cullotta, and Ludwig. Absent: Sebastian Also present: M. Stern, City Liaison, and Halie Reyes, Frisbie Center.

Public Comment: Introduction of Halie Reyes from the FC, who gave a brief introduction about her role in the FC. We were very happy to have Halie in attendance and look forward to intergenerational events again.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from October, 2021 were presented- Motion made by Ludwig and seconded by Al-Naemy to approve minutes. Motion was carried.

Budget: M. Stern distributed copies of the budget. Our current balance is \$ 11, 269.51

Trunk or Treat: Chair Cullotta thanked all for their participation. Commissioners Ludwig (Jewels), AL-Naemy, Neil, Sebastian, and Dankowski were in attendance. . Ava brought two friends to assist with buttons, and Frankie was there to help distribute candy/flyers for HH. The button machine was a HUGE hit. Thanks to Cullotta for recommending this, as well as for decorating her vehicle and setting everything up. A special thank you to Joyce for her volunteer work. There were approximately 800 people in attendance.

Promotional Items: This was tabled until our January meeting. Please come to meeting with suggestions you may have.

Tree in MS - Commissioners Al-Naemy and Ludwig will chair and represent DPYC with decorating the tree. Students will be there to assist,. This will be held on December 3rd, starting at 3:45. Commissioner Sebastian will give ornaments to M. Stern for commissioners.

Holiday Hoopla - Sebastian , Al- Naemy, and Ludwig will chair this event , which will be held on December 11th at the DPPL. from 1-3 - Pre-registration is required. Bags will be distributed and parents will have the opportunity to take pictures with the “elves”. Maria Cullotta will also be there to assist. Commissioner Sebastian will give ornaments to M. Stern for commissioners. Families were asked to bring food items for bags.

Other business: A motion was made by Neil and seconded by Ludwig to purchase additional buttons for the amount of \$1000.00 . Motion was carried and Maureen will get information from Cullotta to purchase them

Maria Cullotta was asked to be at the December 6th meeting re her interest in becoming a commissioner. (DPYC) We sincerely appreciate Maria's patience and hope she joins us soon!

Commissioners were asked to brainstorm events/activities that we might be interested in doing. Dankowski will also ask students for their input and assistance. Please bring these to our January meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. ***Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022. at 6:00 p.m. - PLCC PLEASE email Dankowski if you are unable to attend.***