

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes-
January 22, 2024

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Previous Minutes- Minutes from November 27th, 2023 were distributed. Motions made by Neil/Sebastian to approve minutes. Motion was carried.

Review:

Tree Decorating- Neil- All went well, 40 ornaments on the tree was perfect. We will need to purchase them again. Other items are left for this year. Thanks to Neil for making two trips to complete this, due to weather.

Gingerbread House Decorating - Dankowski - This was a huge hit as usual, with 38 in attendance. Gift certificates were awarded to the participants who won, after voting by FC

Holiday Hoopla-Sebastian - There were 100 adults, 100 kids, and 12 teen volunteers in attendance. Thanks to Santa (J. Bober) for a great job. Sebastian asked for an increase in budget for 2024; Dankowski inquired about the space needed and was assured there was adequate space at the library.

Waivers/IDS - Commissioners completed required signings for 2024 and waivers for events were turned in by Doerr.

Ideas for 2024 - Dankowski distributed dates and projected costs for 2024, based on 2023 and suggestions from YAB/Commissioners.. Burton discussed feedback on possible Fun Fair, after he met with Forest PTC. Dates were requested from the DPPD. Keegan asked about a certificate of insurance from D62.

Supplies - We currently have arts & crafts, promotional items, and miscellaneous giveaways. Dankowski asked that all left over items from events be given to her for our cabinet inventory and future events. That will give us more flexibility in participating in community events.

Budget - Budget for 2024 was presented *without specific times/months* for the allocation of \$15,000.00. Burton and Neil made the motion; motion was carried. Keegan will create a spreadsheet for the budget. Note: Previously approved amount for Youth Empowerment Seminar was carried over to 2024, since the event will be held this year. (\$1200.00)

Other Business: R. Cullotta asked about distributing tickets to all those who volunteer each time, so they can be put in a drawing for a prize. Burton volunteered to donate a speaker to the lucky student. Request made for additional volunteers for this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Thanks to Samuelson for the use of the facility. The next meeting will be held at Prairie Lakes BB at 6:00 p.m. on February 26th, 2024.

