

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- May 22nd, 2024

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

Roll Call- Neil, R. Cullotta, M.Cullotta, Al-Naemy,. Ludwig, Sebastian, Dankowski, & Doerr (via phone) were present. Absent: Burton. Also present: Keegan and Hock. April 22nd minutes were distributed.Motions made by Neil/Ludwig to approve minutes. Motion was carried.

Public Comment - None

Review: *Intergenerational Event*- May 9th- Frisbie Center- Barbeque & bags were featured games. 16 students were in attendance.

Fun Fair- May 11th -This was a tremendous success, as evidenced by the 300 + people in attendance. Thanks to Ald. Sayad, Ald. Smith, and Mayor Goczowski for their support. Various community groups hosted games and distributed prizes. Commissioners & numerous student volunteers contributed to this event, which featured many favorable comments by parents.. A special thanks to Mr. Hock and Mr. & Mrs. Bober for helping with setup and J. Bova and D. Keegan for publicizing the event. Mr. Wessell of the D.P. Journal contacted Dankowski for pictures from the event. Keegan took pictures and sent some to commissioners only, so a request was made to send pictures to the D.P. Journal. Dankowski will send them a schedule of our events so that they could send a photographer to our events to further publicize them and to let the community know what we are doing.

Upcoming Events:

Pay it Forward - D62 schools are sending pictures to Burton for plaques, which will be presented at the D62 Board meeting on September 16th. Burton had requested an increase of \$ 100.00 for plaques. Motion was made and approved to *increase the budget* from \$ 575.00 to \$ 675.00. (Neil/R.Cullotta) *Motion was carried.* (Burton is covering photos for plaques).

Co-Rec Softball - Neil/Dankowski received three quotes on shirts. Stern approved going with the lowest bid. Shirts were ordered. Program is starting June 8th and the barbeque will be held on June 22nd. Dankowski will order items through Keegan.

Taste of Des Plaines - R. Cullotta sent an order to Keegan for items for Saturday, June 15th -12-4. M. Cullotta will be assisting. Neil to drop off the tent..

Parade - Burton had requested an increase for decorations and candy. *Budget was amended from \$500.00 to \$600.00. (Neil/Ludwig) Motion was carried.* Burton will send order requests to Keegan.

National Night Out - August 6th. M. Cullotta, Chair- items will be ordered through Keegan for the approved budget.

Des Plaines Food Truck Round-Up- August 20th - Library Plaza. Ludwig/Al-Naemy - *Form will be sent for completion to Ludwig by Keegan. Chairs will purchase items through Keegan for the approved budget.*

Fire Dept. Open House- Sept. 21st. - Tabled until August- Budget was already approved.

Middle School Event - Doerr- Sept. 9th- Bowling event at Rand River Bowl from 4:30 to 6:30. Doerr will get information out to schools.

Budget - Keegan distributed the budget to commissioners. Additional items were proposed by Neil.

Black Long sleeve DPYC shirts- We distributed all the shirts we had to volunteers. Neil made a motion to order more shirts at a cost of \$ 8.00/shirt. Motion was made to not exceed \$ 600.00. M. Cullotta seconded the motion., Motion was passed. Dankowski has a list of commissioners' sizes. Neil will follow through with the order.

R. Cullotta brought up ordering short sleeve tie/dye shirts with DPYC on it. Motion was made by Cullotta and seconded by Sebastian not to exceed \$. 250.00. Motion was carried. R. Cullotta will follow through with Neil regarding shirt orders and Dankowski will provide sizes.

Keegan asked about food for the August 26th meeting. Motion for \$ 350.00 was made by Neil and seconded by Ludwig to purchase food. Dankowski will order through Keegan prior to the August meeting.

Neil proposed a purchase of a rolling cart at a cost of \$ 150.00 (not to exceed) to use by DPYC to transport paperwork, etc. Motion was seconded by M. Culotta and motion was carried.

Neil brought up an intergenerational opportunity between teens and seniors. They would attend an event together over the summer through Frisbie and trip coordinator Sally Thompsen to a local museum/venue. The DPYC would cover the cost for the students to attend. The intergenerational events have been so well received and attended this year and there was interest among all to do something over the summer. Keegan expressed concern over liability and

approval by the city. Keegan then talked about a new statute regarding fingerprinting adults over 18. She would need to contact the Risk Management Team. The motion was tabled by Neil until further clarification and discussion.

Keegan reminded commissioners that their terms were expiring and that they would need to send an email to Mayor Goczkowski, with a copy to her, of their intent to continue as a commissioner. (R. Cullotta, Doerr, M. Cullotta, Ludwig, & Sebastian) She said there were a number of people who are interested in serving on the commission. Dankowski suggested that IF a commissioner does not want to continue, then she would like to recommend Mr. Hock or Mr. Bober, who have been volunteering for a few years. This is obviously dependent on their interest. It would be beneficial for interested parties to attend a meeting, so they could be informed about responsibilities, etc.

Dankowski thanked all present for their input, sacrifice, planning, and passion. Volunteers continue to do wonderful work and find ways to engage our youth in the community. New students will be invited to be part of our Youth Advisory Board and attend our August meeting.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Have a safe and wonderful summer. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 26th at 6:00 at PLCC.