

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- October 23rd, 2023

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call - Neil, Doerr, R. Cullotta, Sebastian, M. Cullotta, Ludwig, (via phone) & Dankowski. Also present: Dr. M. Amadei, M. Stern, and R. Ludwig.

There were also 13 students in attendance, from the middle schools to assemble bags for Trunk or Treat. Pizza, Salad, and cookies were provided.

Review -

Homecoming - 9/29 - ELS students were appreciative of food.

Middle School Bowling , October 16th- *Doerr* chaired this. There were 41 registered, waivers were given to the city. This was held at River Rand Bowl from 4 until 6:30. Neil suggested that paper wristbands be ordered *to use at all DPYC events* to facilitate participation. *Proposal made by Neil/Doerr of \$ 300.00 to purchase these. Motion was carried.*

Harvest Hoot- October 14th - This city event was held at Oakton College. Thanks to M. *Cullotta* for helping to coordinate on behalf of DPYC. Students Dohan, and Patel assisted in helping kids paint pumpkins.

Cards for Thanksgiving Baskets - *Dankowski* has requested assistance in making cards from D62 and Maine West. 300 cards are needed by November 20th. A.Cengel, Principal of Forest School, requested information. Dr. Amadei to follow up.

8th Ward Meeting - M Cullotta, Ludwig, and Dankowski attended a meeting at Friendship Park on October 2nd.. This was appreciated by Ald. Charewicz.

Budget - Stern distributed copies of the budget, which did not reflect food charges yet. There was a brief discussion about getting items from local vendors, based on getting the lowest cost. Reminder: All expenditures must be in by the end of the year. Thanks to Stern for her assistance.

Bags - *R. Cullotta* bought items ordered, as well as others that were in stock. Students assembled bags during the meeting.

Blankets for Homeless - *Sebastian* ordered fabric, which had been already budgeted for. Some fabric was also donated to us. Scissors had been purchased previously. Dankowski was sending out a reminder to students.

Gingerbread Houses - This event will be held at 4:00 on December 4th at the FC. Keegan was waiting for 15 large GHs to be in stock at Wal-Mart and looking at similar ones on Amazon.

\$300.00 was already budgeted and included for Intergenerational Events. *Dankowski, Chair Pencils/Pens* - *Doerr/Cullotta* looking at these promotional items, which already had been budgeted.

Canopy/Tent - *Neil* wanted to make a motion for this item and weights. He is willing to keep this in his garage. This was tabled until the November meeting.

D62 Youth Empowerment Seminar -Dr. Amadei briefly discussed that there is a group working on this for middle school students. There will be a variety of seminars and one topic may be, " Race To Be To Be Human" ? (Indieflix) Details to follow. He is very appreciative of the DPYC support for this ongoing program. *Invoice will be submitted for the \$1200.00 that was approved. (Dankowski mentioned that bags could be given to each school)*

DPYC Shirts - Burton absent, will table for November,

Review Sheets- Commissioners were asked to compete by the end of the year.

DPYC Website - Public will be able to use QR code on bags and the city will provide us with a number of interests/inquiries.

Other Business:

Dankowski asked Stern about DPYC thank you cards. City has some that we can use until we have them printed.

Neil inquired about the city tree lighting. It will be held on Friday, December at 4:00 p.m. in Metropolitan Square. *Need chairs to order items for the tree.* We do have many clear ornaments left from last year.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m. The next meeting will be held at Prairie Lakes on November 27th at 6:00 p.m.