

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- August 26th, 2024

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

Roll Call- Neil, R. Cullotta, M.Cullotta, Al-Naemy,. Ludwig, Burton, Dankowski, & Doerr (via phone) were present. Absent: Sebastian

Also present: Ald. Sayad- 4th Ward, P. Tzortzis - Algonquin Assistant Principal, K. Krueger - Iroquois Principal, and L, Reid- Chippewa Assistant Principal, D.Keegan- City of DP, K, Garrity Rodinos- MW Key Club, S. Samuelson- Frisbe Center Director, R Ludwig, Volunteer, & Haley & Alan Osinski.

May 22nd, 2024 minutes were distributed.Motions made by Neil/Ludwig to approve minutes. Motion was carried.

Public Comment - All those present introduced themselves.

Dankowski worked with student volunteers who arrived at 5:30 to dialogue and brainstorm ideas on what they wanted in the community for one hour. A special thanks to Ald. Sayad for his encouragement, K. Garity-Rodinos for assisting, DPPD for building usage, and D. Keegan for food pickup. Students had the opportunity to sign up for upcoming events. They later presented their ideas to those at the DPYC meeting.

Review: -

Co- Rec Softball- Neil/Dankowski - Neil spoke about the success of this 20 year league, which focuses on leadership. Collaboration, and having fun every Saturday night In DP. There were 185 kids in attendance, plus spectators.

Taste of DP- R. Cullotta/ M. Cullotta- There was less participation at our table than last year because we did one day as opposed to two days. Thanks to commissioners for doing scavenger hunt with businesses for kids. Approximately 100 kids participated. Calendars were also distributed.

July 4th Parade- Burton - Burton thanked R. Cullotta and student volunteers who helped by distributing candy and small prizes. They ran out of items about two blocks before the end of the parade route..

August 6th- National Night Out -R. Cullotta/M. Cullotta/Neil- 200 bags/treats were distributed and approximately 500 people stopped by the table.

August 20th Food Roundup- G.Ludwig/Al-Naemy-R.Ludwig - This was held in Library Plaza, with distribution of promotional items- (bags, pencils, key chains). Calendars with upcoming events were also distributed.

Upcoming Events:

September 5th Trivia Contest at Frisbe Center - 3:45 to 5:30 - Dankowski/Neil - Middle school kids invited.

September 9th Middle School Bowling at Rand River Bowl - 4:15 to 6:30- Doerr

ALL participants must have a signed waiver and wear a bracelet to participate. Dankowski, Neil, M. Cullotta, Sebastian, and J.Hock will be there to assist. (D62 suggested buses to transport students to this event to facilitate involvement)

September 16th- Pay it Forward Recognition- Burton/ Dankowski - D62 Board meeting, 7:00 p.m. - Thanks to T. Sommefeldt for assembling information and to D. Keegan for assembling plaques.

September 21st- Fire Dept. Open House - M. Cullotta/R.Cullotta 11 to 2 pm

October 14th- Intergenerational Blanket Making - Noon at FC - Sebastian

October 19th Harvest Hoot- Oakton College- Noon to 4:00 pm- M. Cullotta

October 26th- Trunk or Treat- DPPD- Noon to 3 pm- Doerr - PL parking lot.

Budget - Keegan distributed the budget to commissioners. All expenditures should be submitted by November 1st.

Keegan was asked about usage of bus drivers who have already been approved/fingerprinted. Samuelson & Burton asked about clarification on this.

Other business- DPYC/D62 co-sponsored events- Burton/Dankowski/Neil- Some ideas were briefly discussed- We are awaiting interests from D62. (mentorship, Fun Fair, Youth Empowerment Seminar, etc.

Publicity - D. Keegan - Commission is encouraged to send information directly to the newspapers/schools, etc. This is a **CHANGE** from previous years.

The city is currently changing the website. This is D. Keegan's new email address: dkeegan@desplainesil.gov

YAB Student Volunteer Recognition at City of DP Board Meeting -Dankowski, May, 2025 - We had done this prior to pandemic. D. Keegan offered to assist. We will order items to give to student volunteers, depending on the number of events attended.

Also, Ald. Sayad suggested that students present to the City Council at the end of September, prior to budget allocations and that DPYC meet with D. Wisniewski, City Manager.

Keegan- Commissioners approved: R. Cullotta, M. Cullotta, Doerr, and Ludwig. Thanks and CONGRATULATIONS!

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at PLCC.

September 23, 2024 Amendments to the minutes: Regarding publicity - It was amended from CHANGE to continue doing as we have been doing (referring to contacting news media about events). Also, M. Cullotta was unable to be there to assist with bowling as shown in the minutes.