

**Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- January 27, 2025 - 6:00 pm.
Prairie Lakes CC- 515 Thacker, Des Plaines, IL.**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call - Al-Naemy, Cullotta, R.Cullotta, Doerr, Dankowski, Ludwig, Neil & Sebastian

Absent: Burton

Also Present : E. Cupuro - Principal at Central Elementary School, C. Mazzone - Assistant Principal at Cumberland Elementary School, D. Wisniewski - City Manager, B. Goodman - Director of Communications, R. Ludwig - Volunteer

Public Comment - All those present introduced themselves. D. Wisniewski worked at DP for 17 years and wants to see how she can help DPYC. B.Goodman new job at City of DP but used to live in DP. E. Capuro's kids used to volunteer for DPYC. C. Mazzone is looking forward to learning about DPYC.

Previous Minutes of November 25th, 2024- M. Cullotta, Secretary - Minutes were distributed. Motions made by Neil/Ludwig to approve minutes. Motion was carried.

Review of:

Intergenerational - GH Decorating - Dankowski/Neil - at the FB. There were many kids. They had snacks. Winners had decorated each piece before they put it together. Did a great job. Houses were displayed at FB and people voted for the best one. Al-Naemy, Doerr and Ludwig were present.

Tree Lighting - Neil - At Metropolitan Square. Great event that all other schools have their own tree.

Holiday Hoopla- Sebastian - Attendance of 200 kids. The MW Basketball team and Hispanic club volunteered. Thanks to Santa (J. Bober) for a great job.. Doerr was present. Kids and parents enjoyed the event.

Budget - Neil - Proposed 2025 Budget - Budget was approved.

Upcoming Events:

Intergenerational - Feb. 13th - Valentine Art Project - 4:00 p.m. FC - Burton - Art Guild-
Maine West Fair- March 12th- Neil/Dankowski - Volunteers/Info on CO-Rec Softball - During school. 12:00 to 3:00: P.M. - Vendors will be there promoting jobs.

Fun Fair - Saturday, March 15th PL- 4 to 7 pm -Burton, Dankowski, Neil & Commissioners Letter was distributed to give to others who want to attend. Deadline by February 21st.

Intergenerational - March 17th- St Paddy's Trivia Contest - 4:00 p.m.FC - Neil/Dankowski - A MW High school gets paired with a senior and answers questions. Old and New generation questions. Fun game for all ages. Will also have snacks.

March 15th Fun Fair - Dankowski/Burton/Neil & Commissioners- Discussion - Sebastian will do a flyer in English and Spanish. Prairie lakes will provide tables for the Vendors / Clubs. DPYC will give each table prizes. Will have the magician. Button machine will be used. MW High school will do Face paint. Expect to arrive early to help out. Do not forget to order a certain face paint non allergic.

Events/Activities for 2025- Chair Requests/Confirmations - were passed out.

Distribution of Data Folders - Dankowski - Were not distributed yet but discussed. Mary will give it to D. Wisniewski when they are ready.

Other Business - Publicity of Events/website - City will let DPYC know how many hits the website gets.

Clarification on ordering/ deadline dates/ Procedures /Items pickup -
The City will accommodate Commissioners to pick up items at City any time and will accommodate certain vendors to use.

Commissioners received Fingerprints information from B. Goodman.

Item- Retractable Banner with DPYC info - qty of 2.- Ludwig/Neil Motion granted a banner for \$300.00.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.- **Next meeting is Monday, February 24th, 2025- PLCC** - *Please email Dankowski if unable to attend.*

"People will typically be more enthusiastic where they feel a sense of belonging and see themselves as part of a community . We long to belong, and belonging and caring anchors our sense of place in the universe."