

## **Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes - September 22, 2025 Prairie Lakes CC - 6:00 P.M. (Enter by the Pool for meeting room)**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

**Roll Call:** Burton, M. Cullotta, R. Cullotta, Doerr, Dankowski, Ludwig, Neil & Sebastian

**Absent:** Burton and Al-Naemy

**Also Present:** D. Srocki (City of DP), J. Hock – (Judge) Volunteer, and R. Ludwig – Volunteer, E. Cupuro - Principal at Central Elementary School

**Public Comment** – J. Hock met with M. Amadei (Superintendent) and other teachers and principals to discuss Youth Empowerment presentation for middle school students. J. Hock will be speaking to middle school students.

**Review of Minutes, - August 25, 2025 - M. Cullotta, Secretary** - Minutes were distributed. Motions made by Ludwig/ Neil to approve minutes. Motion was carried.

### **Review of Events:**

**Bowling - MS - Doerr/Sebastian** – 15 Volunteers and 54 kids showed up. It was a great experience for the kids.

**Plaques for Pay it Forward - Neil/R.Cullotta** - Neil and R. Cullotta attended the school board and presented the plaque.

**Trivia - Intergenerational - Sept. 25th** - at FC - 3:45 - 5:30 – 13 kids will be volunteering from NHS. S. Samuelson will provide snacks and Trivia game.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Intergenerational**

**October 13th – at FC - Blankets/Luncheon - 12- 2PM - Sebastian** – No limit on Volunteers.

**November 13th - Veterans Dinner- 5:00 - Neil/Dankowski 5:00PM** – Veterans do not have to live in DP. Students will have dinner with the veterans.

**December 4th - Gingerbread House Decorating /- Al-Naemy/Dankowski –3:45 - 5:30** - Wear red and green. - Work with seniors to make the BEST house! 16 Volunteers needed – Wear an ugly sweater – Houses need to be ordered early.

### **Middle School:**

**Youth Empowerment- Dates/time/Location - Burton** – Looking at going to individual classrooms and might involve J. Hock (Judge) – J Hock will be contacted within 3 weeks.

### **Community:**

**September 20th - Fire Department Open House 11 am to 2 pm - Cullottas/Dankowski** – Fish bowls and fish game was used. Kids loved throwing the ball in the bowl. Sunglasses and glasses were given as favors. Ended 1 hour earlier due to the rain.

**Trunk or treat – PL /Parking Lot – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Doerr/Neil** – 3 volunteers needed at 11:30. Starts at Noon.

**Harvest Hoot at Oakton College - October 18, 2025 –Pumpkin Decorating with kids - Neil/Ludwig – 12-4PM –** There will be music and food trucks available. Wear an old shirt or smock to help kids with pumpkin decorating. Min. of 25 Volunteers - Various sports teams were also invited for volunteering. Having volunteers to alternate.

**October 24th- ELS Dinner - Dankowski - \$125 allocated for dinner.**

**Homecoming Football Game- October 24<sup>th</sup> -**

**Homecoming Dance – October 25<sup>th</sup> -** Only volunteers who may NOT be attending the dance - Wear your favorite sports jersey for Football Throw

**December 13th - Holiday Hoopla - Sebastian/Doerr - 12:30 until 3:00 -** Help kids with arts and crafts, letters to Santa- 20 people needed Need someone at the front to welcome the kids. J. Hock will volunteer. D. Srocki will attend.

**Budget – D. Srocki – \$12,000 not used yet.**

No numbers in veteran’s dinner or Gingerbread house in budget.

Make sure to order items before the end of the year.

\$2,500 allocated for promotional items. (Journals, pencils, draw string bags and etc.) Motion carried by Doerr/R. Cullotta.

\$1,000 allocated items for Holiday Hoopla. Motion Carried Ludwig/M. Cullotta

**Other Business:** Come up with ideas with promotional items. (4 Imprint can be used for Promotional items)

**Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**

**Next meeting will be held at PLCC - October 27, 2025 - 6:00 pm.** Please email Dankowski if unable to attend.

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**“The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference.”**