

Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- October 27th, 2025
Prairie Lakes CC - 6:00 pm. - 515 Thacker - Des Plaines, Il.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM

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

Absent: N/A

Also Present: D. Srocki (City of DP), Dr. M. Amadei – D62 Superintendent, R. Ludwig – Volunteer, T. Mazzone (D62)

Public Comment – Dr. Amadei - A viewing of the documentary “LIKE” has been scheduled for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The film explores youth struggles with social and emotional development, as well as the pressures kids face in today’s digital world. It also highlights the positive aspects of using social media apps responsibly. Showing will be before holiday break. There will also be a night screening for parents, and Commissioners are invited to attend.

Previous minutes of September 22nd, 2025 - *M.Cullotta, Secretary* - Minutes were distributed. Motions made by Ludwig/ Doerr to approve minutes. (editions were added) Motion was carried.

Review of:

October 9th- Blankets- Sebastian/Dankowski - Frisbie Center - 3:45 to 5:30 – *Al-Naemy/Gloria* - Blankets were made in a smaller room at FC. MW students and seniors worked together to make 18 blankets, with two seniors at each table. The blankets were completed much faster than last year. Al-Naemy and Ludwig both enjoyed helping with the project. S. Samuelson provided food and dessert for everyone to snack on during the activity. Students were getting food for the seniors. The seniors and students had a wonderful time working together — truly a cherished day for all involved. Note: Prices has gone up for blankets. Some blankets from the library were also used.

October 18th - Harvest Hoot - Neil/Ludwig - MW students did a great job volunteering.

The ponchos that were ordered were very helpful. There were many MW students volunteering and did a great job during cleanup. They went through 250 pumpkins. Overall, it was a fun, productive, and successful event.

October 24th – Homecoming Game – ELS Dinner – \$125 worth of Giuseppe’s Pizza was catered. total of 17 students attended. They enjoyed the pizza and were extremely appreciative of the meal and the opportunity to gather together.

Upcoming Events:

October 25th- Trunk or Treat - Doerr/Neil – The volunteers were very helpful with the children who were trick-or-treating. The weather was perfect, making for a fun and smooth event. All of the ordered items were useful, and there were only a handful of supplies left at the end. Overall, it was an easy and successful event.

November 13th - Veteran’s Dinner- FC Dankowski/Neil 5:00 pm - Al-Naemy/Sebastian to attend. - High School students & Veterans. Students will have dinner with the veterans. Must call FC to register.

December 4th - Gingerbread House Decorating/Ugly Sweater Contest – Wear an ugly sweater contest - Work with seniors to make the BEST house! 16 Volunteers needed

December 13th - Holiday Hoopla – *Sebastian/ Doerr* 1 - 3 – J. Hock and D. Srocki will attend. Need at least 20 Students to help kids with arts, craft and games.

Budget - Dylan S. – **Gingerbread houses \$300 in budget.**
Ornaments for Tree Lighting - \$76 could me more like \$100
\$250 budget. \$1,000 budget in for the Holiday Hoopla.

Events/Activities for 2025/26 school year- Come up with ideas next month for Fun Fair etc.

Other Business – N/A

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Next meeting is PLCC- 6:00 p.m.- Nov. 24th

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