

Minutes from March 21, 2016-

Des Plaines Youth Commission Meeting

- 1. The following people were in attendance:** Joanie Sebastian, Ron Burton, Mary Dankowski, Erin Doerr (observer, future commissioner), Mary Dankowski, Jeanine Stricker, Ashley Burton, Ava McKenzie, and Devin Boulamatsis.
- 2. Review of Fun Fair** – Erin Doerr spoke very highly about the fun her children had at the Fun Fair. Families felt like the kids could go around to the different games, collecting their little prizes and parents felt they were safe, as well as had choices in what they wanted to play. People loved the positive interaction between the high school students and their children! This was well received by Maine West High School and Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation. (MYCAF) In addition to the games, kids got to visit face painters, have a balloon made by the balloon artist, take a picture with the Warrior, and meet Skates, the Wolves mascot. This was held on March 5th at MWHS. Mary gave Jeanine receipts from Oriental Trading and DInojump.
- 3. Halloween Fest** – Josh Cantres asked if the DPPD could help with this event. I told him that our events are free and we could not charge. We are still awaiting confirmation of the date. Josh was not in attendance at the meeting.
- 4. Co-Rec Softball** - Josh emailed Mary flyers, which she had printed and posted around Maine West. Mary also gave Bob flyers with instructions for teams. There is a deadline of May 2nd for registrations, so shirts can be ordered for May 18th meeting. NOTE: Graduation at MW is May 22nd. League dates are June 4th through August 6th. A special thank you to Devin Boulamatsis for his design for the Co-Rec shirts!! Great job, Devin..
- 5. Pay it Forward** – Bob, Ron, and Mary are chairing this initiative. Mary already sent emails to principals/teachers from District 62 school and Maine West High School. Currently, Chippewa, North, Cumberland, and Maine West are on board. Each school will create a way to pay it forward, with bracelets representing each kind deed. We will provide directions to schools on how to make this April 28th day one of the best in our community. Ron is ordering bracelets and will submit invoice to Jeanine. Other ideas are still being considered. Thanks to Erin for some great input. She would love to see firemen and policemen go to the schools so kids can show appreciation. We discussed the logistics of this. We thought it might be nice to have kids do a power point

presentation at a city council meeting, showing everyone what they did at their respective schools.

- 6. Friends Connect Bowling** - No date set yet... We are waiting for Little Jo.
- 7. Special Ed Prom** - We are supplying favors for the Special Ed Prom, as we did last year. An invoice will be sent to Jeanine in the amount of \$200.00.
- 8. City of Des Plaines** - Jeanine will keep us apprised of the ordinance situation after she meets with her new boss and Chief Wax. Jeanine asked about us having a booth or table at the Taste of DP. Erin said she would manage this on June 18th. We will get additional information from Jeanine. She mentioned face painting. Also, Byron Cory asked about us getting involved in the Farmer's Market. She mentioned that the DPPD is celebrating Earth Day at West Park on April 23rd; we did not get information on this.
- 9. Budget** – Ron supplied a copy of the current budget and balance.
- 10. Mentoring Program** – Darren was not in attendance. We would like him to do something with his program for Pay it Forward.
- 11. Miscellaneous Business** – Gloria Ludwig's mother passed away. Also, a get well card is being sent to Mrs. Sayad.
- 12. Next meeting date is April 25th.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Dankowski, Chair