

Minutes from Des Plaines Youth Commission Meeting - September 26, 2016

1. The following people were in attendance: Josephine Al-Naemy, Ron Burton, Erin Doerr, Ellen Michael, Bob Neil, Mary Dankowski, Rich Miller, Fran Miller, Gloria Ludwig, Lacey Argus, Kensey Teeves, Randy Kent, Anthony Jones, Yolanda Jones, Adrian Karnowski, and Alec Paschos.
2. Planning Seminar - Thanks to all who attended. There were some great ideas that were exchanged. Ellen was kind enough to type the email list and notes from the meeting. People worked in four different stations as facilitators. Students walked around and exchanged ideas on things they would like done in Des Plaines. Thanks to Jeanine for ordering lunch. We had over 40 people in attendance. Total - \$ 157.30
3. Homecoming Parade – Erin Doerr volunteered to chair this, which involved gathering volunteers to decorate a float and dress in the “Wild West” theme. In addition to YAB, there were students from Chippewa Middle School, Iroquois, and Maine West. The total cost was \$ 126.42
4. Review of Friends Connect – Josephine and Joanie chaired this event. Erin and Kathy Garrity-Rodinos, sponsor of MW Key Club, and lifeskill students teaching assistant, volunteered their time. There were 18 students who were treated to two games of bowling, pizza, and beverages. They had a great time! This was held at River Rand Bowl from 2:30 until 4:30. The total cost was \$ 180.00.
5. Halloween Fest - Saturday, October 29th- 6:00 to 8:30, 5:00 setup time for all volunteers - Bob has contacted the Marines and Mary contacted DP Food Pantry, who will have people there collecting food and unwrapped toys for tots. ALL kids will get tickets to be used for food – one piece of pizza, pumpkin decorating, and picture craft decorating. ONLY one item will be given out with the ticket. *The MW Key Club will join us and will handle the kitchen area.* We will limit the amount of people in room to ten at a time. The same will go for the picture craft and Donna will handle this. Yolanda volunteered to run bingo and Gloria gave prizes for bingo. (we also have prizes for participation) Lacey, Kensey, and Aliyah will do a scavenger hunt for the kids. Note: They came to see me at MW the very next morning and have it all planned out. They are using pictures, so that the kids can identify what to look for!! They are awesome!! Bob is providing Halloween music. Mary completed a request for sign and channel 17 with the city. Joshua Cantes from the DPPD was also asked and given information for the PL sign. Joanie did a wonderful flyer, which was copied, dropped off at Athletico, sent to Ron for the D62 virtual website, sent to the alderman for their constituents,

sent to Linda from media services, *and given to the* DPPD at PL. Other flyers will be dropped off at various pre-schools in town. Richard Miller offered to drop flyers off for us, as well as provide yard signs. Ron is checking on boards for yard signs, which can be put up on October 22nd. Mary ordered a bounce house and obstacle course from Dino Jump, with an attendant. Jeanine is sending waivers for bounce house. There are some businesses that will join us and offer an interactive game at their table for kids and provide a treat of some kind. They are: Athletico, DPPD, District 62 Foundation, Salvation Army Breakfast for Baby Program, DP Police, Dept., and DP Library. We will distribute bags that kids can use to collect candy/prizes. Mary sent setup needed for tables to Josh and Shelli at the DPPD Note: Ashley & Luke are dressing up and will take pictures in the north racketball court with kids.- parents will take these. The Dance Dance Revolution is not working. We are checking into this. We are in need of volunteers for this event. There was an approval of increasing the budget on this to \$1400.00. We don't know how many people will be in attendance, so food/beverages needed are unknown. We will look at spending approximately \$ 200.00 for food (order 30 pizzas, and get drinks).

6. City of Des Plaines - Jeanine was not present, but did ask for commissioners to attend the budget meeting on Sept. 28th. Gloria told us that the date was changed, which was later confirmed by Jeanine. Mary, Erin, and Ellen attended the budget hearing. The City Council approved \$12,000.00 for 2017. We will approve our budget at the Oct. 24th meeting.
7. City Logo – Commissioners gave input on logos that were developed by Joanie's husband for the city. We voted on 2A. We will wait to see what happens on this.
8. DP Police Dept. - Ellen is checking on something that will help our youth work with the D.P. Police.
9. District 62 Presentation - Mary called Jennifer Bova from District 62 to check on presenting certificates to those who participated in Pay it Forward. She is checking with Dr. Williams and wanted to know what schools participated. We are looking at October board meeting possibly. Mary will let Ron know about certificates.
10. Youth Empowerment Seminar - It will be held on November 12th at Maine West from 9:00 until 2:30. Mr. Aldworth, new AP for students, wanted to focus on getting more teens involved at MW. However, the commissioners felt strongly about involving D62 incoming 8th graders. The YAB wanted their peers involved. Lacey & Information to follow.
11. Budget - We need to insure that all costs are sent to both Jeanine & Ron on events you may chair. Lots of discussion was generated on approval of budget, especially when we did not spend the money on items that were approved. Suggestion was made by Ron to

not show a month for specified expenditures. Mary is checking into additional information on this.

12. The next meeting is on Monday, October 24th - PLEASE let me know if you are unable to make it. IT IS IMPORTANT for commissioners to attend because we are going to vote on 2017 proposed budget. WE must have a quorum to vote. Ellen will be absent, so please make sure you are there for discussion and vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dankowski