

Youth Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2004

Upstairs Lunch Room

New Berlin City Hall

3805 S. Casper Dr.

New Berlin, WI 53151

Present: Rachel Ignasiak, Kristi Prokop, Eric Schmidt, Katie Levene, Jack Nilles, Teddy Walsh, Brian Moths, David McLaughlin, Danielle Stanczak, Theodore Schober, Tracy Calhoun

Excused: Maria Peot, Katie Chiovatero, Eric Printz, Josh Orlikowski

Absent: Dan Burkhardt

Also Present: Mayor Wysocki, Greg Bybee, Mary Flagg, Renee Knutilla

I. Katie Levene called the meeting to order at 6:31.

II. Approval of Minutes

Katie Levene moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, July 20, 2004. Kristi Prokop seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

III. Privilege of the Floor

Mary Flagg gave Board members an update on library events. Over 100 teens signed up for the summer reading program, which was a great success. The library will also be hosting an essay contest for participants ages 10-18; the theme will be "What Does Courage Mean to You?" On September 15 at 4:00, there will be a discussion on courage-related books.

Jack Nilles announced that, after Homecoming, they will be having a 5K run to benefit a family whose father has brain cancer. He suggested that the Eisenhower and West student unions work together on this event.

IV. New Attendance Policy

Katie Levene and the Mayor came up with a new Board attendance policy. Board members will be asked for resignations or removed from the Board if they accumulate two unexcused absences, or three consecutive missed meetings (excused or unexcused). This includes subcommittee meetings.

Levene moved to implement the new policy. Eric Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The policy will take effect at the September 21 meeting.

V. Committee Reorganization

Katie Levene, Kristi Prokop, Eric Schmidt, and Jack Nilles will make up the new Executive Committee. Levene will act as committee Chair, and Schmidt as committee Secretary. Eric Printz, Rachel Ignasiak, Teddy Walsh, and Theodore Schober will make up the new Youth Opportunities Committee. Printz will act as committee Chair, and Schober as committee Secretary.

Daniel Burkhardt, Tracy Calhoun, Danielle Stanczak, and David McLaughlin will make up the new Programs Committee. Burkhardt will act as committee Chair, and Stanczak as committee Secretary.

Katie Chiovatero, Maria Peot, Brian Moths, and Josh Orlikowski will make up the new Facilities Committee. Chiovatero will act as committee Chair, and Moths most likely as committee Secretary.

VI. City Current Events Update (Wysocki)

The new library is on course to open in January. Sidewalks, trees, and street lights need to be put in.

The Mayor is advising the Common Council to implement a very limited levy increase and no tax increase as it considers its 2004-2005 budget. The City Council allocated \$10,000 for a study on how the old library building will be used.

VII. Thank-You Letter to Common Council

Eric Schmidt volunteered to write a letter thanking the Common Council for the \$10,000 grant.

VIII. Common Council Meetings

It was agreed upon that at least one Board member should attend every Common Council meeting. This duty should be passed around quarterly between members.

IX. New projects

- * Schmidt would like to see a frofing tournament in New Berlin.
- * Prokop is interested in hosting another dance.
- * Schober suggested that the community continue to receive updates on YAB happenings in the New Berlin Citizen
- * Walsh thinks New Berlin schools should host more runs to benefit charities and families in need.
- * The Mayor suggested that the Board undertake more government awareness projects in general.
- * Stanczak offered the possibility of a "fly-a-kite" day or city-sponsored chess tournament.
- * Walsh suggested that the Board raise money through dog walks.
- * The Board unanimously agreed that there should be a city-sponsored Poker Night in the near future.
- * Schober suggested that big events be sponsored by New Berlin's and other area youth boards, such as Relay for Life.
- * Stanczak believes that the Board should form a closer affiliation with SAYES (Senior Advocate Youth Exchange Service). Nilles will look into the possibility of displaying SAYES information on school bulletin boards.

X. Katie Levene moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Eric Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The next official meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2004.

*Respectfully submitted,
Eric Schmidt*