

**Youth Advisory Board Minutes  
Tuesday, September 21, 2004  
Lunch Room  
New Berlin City Hall  
3805 S. Casper Drive  
New Berlin, WI 53151**

**Present:** Katie Levene, Brian Moths, Jack Nilles, Katie Chiovatero, Danielle Stanczak, Josh Orlikowski, Daniel Burkhardt, Rachel Ignasiak, Eric Schmidt, Tracy Calhoun, Theodore Schober, Kristi Prokop, Maria Peot, David McLaughlin

**Absent:** Teddy Walsh, Eric Printz

**Also Present:** Melissa Schneider, Renee Knutilla, Paul Gallagher

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

II. The minutes from August 17, 2004 have been completed, but not yet received by all Board members. They will be approved at the next meeting.

III. Levene reminded Board members of the new attendance policy: Board members will be asked for resignation if they accumulate three consecutive absences (excused or unexcused) or two unexcused absences. The policy took effect this month.

IV. The Mayor was not present to give his City Current Events Update.

**V. Privilege of the Floor**

--Melissa Schneider informed the Board that construction of the new library will be completed by January. The building will open to the public in February. She suggested that the Board "buy a brick" at the new facility for \$100, and make an effort to raise money for items in the Young Adult section, like listening devices and restaurant booths.

--Schneider also told the Board how the library will continue to feature poetry nights every month.

--Schneider explained how the library is in Phase Two of its Veteran's History Project. It is looking for volunteers to interview veterans.

--Cheryl Schober explained to the Board how the Fourth of July Commission wants to know as soon as possible whether it plans to hold a Battle of the Bands next year. Should the Board decide to pursue this possibility, the event would be held on July 2, 2005 at Malone Park. The Board would only need to purchase prizes for the winning bands. The Board resolved to decide on this matter promptly.

*David McLaughlin arrived at 6:35 PM.*

--Katie Levene thanked Eric Schmidt for writing Common Council members a thank-you letter for the \$10,000 facility research grant.

--Levene remarked that the Mayor should be contacted about the possibility of updating the Youth Board webpage.

*Maria Peot and Kristi Prokop arrived at 6:40 PM.*

## **VI. SAYES Volunteer Day**

At its last meeting, the Executive Committee decided that the Board should spend one day this fall volunteering for SAYES. A weekend date would be best. An email will be sent out to Board members about the event specifics.

## **VII. Committee Reports and Recommendations**

### **A. Executive Committee**

i. The Executive Committee, at its September 8 meeting, also decided to pursue the publication of a 'Volunteer Opportunities in New Berlin' brochure. Alderman Gallagher suggested that the Waukesha Volunteer Center could help the Board with this initiative.

ii. Schmidt suggested that the Board write a letter to the chairpersons of other area youth boards as a first step in encouraging communication. Tom Riese should be contacted about who to address the letters to.

iii. Officer Pine wants to help out should the Board decide to sponsor a midnight bowling event at Alpine Lanes in Muskego.

iv. Schmidt pitched the idea of a Youth Board commercial encouraging community members to attend its meetings. The commercial could be aired on Channel 25, New Berlin's community station.

v. Greg Bybee, Levene informed members, has requested that the Board propose to the Common Council the creation of a sidewalk along Sunnyslope Road; this would benefit Cross Country runners who've been banned in the past from running on Sunnyslope during practice. Alderman Gallagher explained that most aldermen, himself included, wouldn't support such a proposal. He offered a more reasonable idea, however: the designation of a special lane on Sunnyslope especially for runners and joggers. The Board will explore this matter.

### **B. Youth Opportunities Committee**

i. Much work still needs to be done if "Vegas Night" is to be planned. Theodore Schober suggested a \$5 entrance fee; Schmidt suggested a donation of canned food. A combination of both, the Board agreed, would be a reasonable admissions fee.

### **C. Programs Committee**

i. The frofing tournament will probably be held next spring. (Even though there has been talk on closing the frofing course before then, Alderman Gallagher assured the Board that the Common Council will not let that happen.) The entrance fee for the tournament will be \$6-8; this fee could be lowered for groups. Frolfers should be chaperoned to make sure no one is altering their scores. Local businesses should be engaged to help out with the event and perhaps provide food service to participants. The prize, Daniel Burkhardt suggested, should be 10% of the admissions fees or gift certificates to area businesses. A frofing 'encore' at night, with glow-in-the-dark discs, might be a fun idea as well, he suggested.

**VIII.** Board members decided that the volunteer brochure, commercial, and frofing tournament were all very good ideas. However, they agreed that midnight bowling and "Vegas night" would probably not bring in a lot of people and shouldn't be pursued further.

Teddy Schober will chair the Battle of the Bands Committee, which will most likely commit to holding the event. Daniel Burkhardt will chair the Frolfing Tournament Committee; Eric Schmidt will chair the Commercial Committee; Katie Levene will chair the Volunteer Brochure Committee; Katie Chiovatero and Maria Peot will write letters to the Common Council suggesting the designation of a lane for runners along Sunnyslope.

**XI.** Eric Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Katie Chiovatero seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The next official meeting will be Tuesday, October 19, 2004; at this meeting, the Board will split up into the ad hoc subcommittees mentioned above.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Eric Schmidt*