

Minutes

Youth Advisory Board

March 18, 2003

Council Chambers, New Berlin City Hall, 3805 S. Casper Dr.

Present: Kristin Czubkowski, Kate Bonner, Greg Bybee, Charlie Klezcka, Joe Gradel, Eric Schmidt, Karsten Huttelmaier, Katie Chiovatero, Katie Levene, Nikki Serkowski, Casie Walsh, Robert Bakic

Excused: Megin Rozman, Ashley Stocks, Mike Moths, Mason Fong

Also Present: Melissa Schneider, Renee Knutilla, Cheryl Schober, Tony Pine, Eric Printz, Maria Peot, Kristi Prokop

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from both February 18 and February 3 were approved unanimously with two submitted corrections.

Youth Advisory Board Structure and Goals:

Reorganization of Meeting Procedure:

Greg Bybee began this discussion by stating that he wanted to incorporate committees into the youth board more, and possibly restructure them around groups of friends to make committee meetings easier. He felt that this would also create more interest in the board and would make board meetings go by much more quickly.

Role of Committees:

In relation to the previous discussion, Bybee stressed the importance of committees meetings more often so that the board could accomplish tasks much more quickly. Katie Chiovatero suggested making the committees neutral in job title, as so many jobs overlap, and let each committee take on tasks as they see fit. Most agreed with this statement, but Mayor Wysocki also stressed the importance of an executive committee to lead the board.

Activities and Events:

The Youth Board public meeting was set for the April meeting next month. Also, a description of the board was soon to be posted on the New Berlin cable channel as well as on the web page. Other events in the future include the battle of bands at the Fourth of July festivities on July 5, 2003.

Long Term Goals:

Long-term goals for the youth board were cited as the planning of the teen center. It was suggested that this should begin almost immediately, as the new library has an official site and will be constructed within the next few years, and should be delegated to committees.

Recruitment for when terms expire:

Ideas for recruitment included persuading youth to attend the public meeting to see what the board is about and spreading word of the board to friends and acquaintances of current members

Winter Bonfire and Dance:

Review and Discussion of Event:

The review of the event sent out by Greg Bybee was discussed, as well as security issues to be addressed at additional events. The band was cited as the most successful and popular portion of the night, but both ping-pong and pool were well attended.

Plans for the \$247.00 Raised

Greg Bybee motioned that twenty dollars of the profit from the bonfire will go towards reimbursing the Eisenhower Junior Class for their losses on the s'mores sale, and Kate Bonner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and it was decided that the remainder of the money would be saved for future events.

Thank You Notes:

Thank you notes need to be written to Mary Berg, Tony Pine and the auxiliary officer Thom Klein, and Don Winze. They will be completed by committee secretaries.

Youth in Government Break-out Session Review:

Nikki Serkowski shared her experience from this session, and stated that she obtained as well as shared a lot of information that would aid this youth board as well as others. The session was attended by Serkowski, Tom Riese, and the mayor. Serkowski also mentioned that on the way to this breakout session, she drove past a local teen center near Madison (in Fairchild, WI) called the New Loft Teen Center, built in 2001. She suggested a trip to visit the place in the near future, to help scope out what teens might want in their own teen center.

Programs Committee:

The kickball league is underway, and a team will soon be formed to play in intercity games with other kickball leagues. Frolfing and ultimate frisbee leagues were also suggested.

Reminders:

Executive:

The brochure should be ready to hand out at the public meeting at City Hall.

Youth Opportunities:

The youth public meeting will be advertised by the Executive and Youth Opportunities committee, and all board members are encouraged to "spread the word."

Facilities:

The Old Library Usage proposal should be drafted as soon as possible, and discussion on the skate park will recommence after the teen survey results are in and interest is shown.

Programs:

The Battle of the Bands is set for July 5, 2003. All bands in the show must be made up of high schoolers, and any supplies and equipment needed will be paid for by the Fourth of July commission. The show will take place in a circus tent at Malone Park.

Mason Fong:

The teen survey needs to be sent out as soon as possible.

Charlie Kleczka:

The YAB web page is up and is quite impressive. It is linked to the New Berlin home page, and the website name is <http://www.newberlin.org/yab/youth/index.html>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM. Greg Bybee made the motion, Kate Bonner seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.