

Minutes

Youth Advisory Board

April 16, 2002

New Berlin Public Safety Building, 16300 West National Avenue, Meeting Room

Present: Greg Bybee, Ashley Stocks, Kate Bonner, Karsten Huttelmaier, Tiffany Kiefer, Charlie Kleczka, Nikki Serkowski (left early at 7:35 PM), Casie Walsh (arrived 7:29), Megin Rozman (arrived 7:30)

Excused: Michael Moths

Absent: Mason Fong, Joe Gradel

Also Present: Kristin Czubkowski, Robert Bakic, Tom Riese, Renee Knutilla, Joel Gaughan, Barb Doerfer, Mary Martin, Nancy Pavesich, Officer Tony Pine, Father Steve Amann, Jim Gatzke

Greg Bybee called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM

Approval of Minutes:

The approval for the minutes from November 13, 2001, and February 11, 2002, was postponed until the next meeting. The minutes from March 11, 2002, were approved unanimously, with Greg Bybee motioning for their approval and Ashley Stocks seconding the motion.

City Current Events Update:

The city current events update was postponed due to Mayor Wysocki's absence.

Gypsy Moth Discussion:

The gypsy moth discussion was postponed due to Mayor Wysocki's absence.

USCM Discussion:

The USCM discussion was postponed due to Mayor Wysocki's absence.

H.O.S.E.A. Relationship and Involvement:

Five representatives from the H.O.S.E.A. (Hope Offered through Shared Ecumenical Action) organization attended the meeting. Renee Knutilla explained the purpose and goals of the H.O.S.E.A. project, which is a church-based group. She explained that the project and its members, including at least a few people from each parish in city totaling close to 300 members, helped serve as a voice for local parishes and were involved in several state-wide social projects, most of which were church-related. The group's short-term goals were to get the community to recognize the Youth Advisory Board and to learn more about the board. The long-term goals included helping to plan a teen center in New Berlin. The group iterated that they came to the meeting in order to offer their help to the Youth Advisory Board and to find the direction of the group. Father Steve Amann from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish also spoke of the need for a youth center in New Berlin, and stated his opinion that most teens in the city are good, and that the community needs to understand this, preferably via promoting organizations such as the

Youth Advisory Board and the SAYES program.

Teen Activities:

Teen activities discussion was postponed due to Mason Fong's absence.

Youth Advisory Board Webpage:

Charlie Kleczka gave an update on the progress of the Youth Advisory Board webpage, saying that the basic structure was almost complete. He said he will put it online once it is completed. Greg Bybee suggested adding the Youth Advisory Board agendas, minutes, and pictures of board members to the website. Ashley Stocks and Officer Pine both offered their digital cameras for the pictures.

Relay for Life 2002:

Nancy Pavesich of the American Cancer Society spoke at the meeting, giving an update on the progress of the relay. She currently has three teams, but wants at least 15, and asked for the board's help in recruiting teams, with the possibility of a Youth Advisory Board team. She passed out fact sheets about the Relay for Life to be distributed, gave the board a video about the event, and briefly explained the Relay for Life to the H.O.S.E.A. members. Some minor issues about how the Relay for Life was run last year by the Youth Advisory Board were discussed, and Ashley Stocks offered her help to Ms. Pavesich.

Youth Board Goals and Outlook:

Greg Bybee and Tom Riese gave a four-question survey to the present members of the board about city issues/concerns, personal goals, long-term goals, and short-term goals of the board members. The results of the survey will be organized for a future meeting.

Congratulations Letters to Aldermen:

Greg Bybee brought forth a suggestion made by Megan Mozina to send the new aldermen welcome letters. He explained that these letters would serve not only to welcome the aldermen but also to explain the purpose and existence of the Youth Advisory Board to them and attempt to establish a relationship with them. The board agreed it was a good idea and Bybee agreed to write the letters, send them to the board for approval, and then mail them to the new aldermen.

Treasury Report:

Greg Bybee questioned the need for a treasurer on the executive board. Since the fourth member of the executive committee would have to fill this role and did not want to, Bybee offered to keep track of the board's funds and present them to the board regularly. As of this meeting, the Youth Advisory Board has \$359.65 in its account.

Second Teen Dance Follow-Up:

Thank You Letters

Greg Bybee reminded respective members of the board that their thank you letters to those who aided in the Second Annual Teen Dance should be sent out soon if they have not been already.

Pool Stick Purchase Update

The replacement pool stick purchased was delivered to the Senior Center and was much appreciated.

Youth Yellow Pages:

Megan Mozina was unable to attend the meeting to give an update on the Youth Yellow Pages, but sent Greg Bybee a letter saying that she is still waiting to hear from CNI about reprinting the books and is very upset with the company.

Teen Center Discussion:

School Surveys

Greg Bybee informed the board that the survey was completed and ready to be sent out. Karsten Huttelmaier offered to make the approximately 1,800 copies of the survey needed to send to schools. Getting the surveys to Eisenhower and New Berlin West will not be a problem, and Robert Bakic offered to distribute surveys to New Berlin teens who attend Catholic Memorial. Mrs. Knutilla of H.O.S.E.A. offered to distribute surveys to Pius High School, and Casie Walsh said that she would try to distribute surveys to New Berlin teens who attend West Allis Hale and the Elmbrook district schools.

Algoma Trip

The trip to Algoma to visit their teen center was discussed, and a date for the trip in the summer was proposed. Jim Gatzke advised the board to reserve the center well ahead of time.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 21, 2002 at 6:30 PM in the Public Safety Building.

Adjourn:

Greg Bybee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Casie Walsh seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.