

Minutes

October 15, 2002

New Berlin City Hall; 3805 S Casper Dr; Council Chambers

Present: Kate Bonner, Nicole Serkowski, Mason Fong, Casie Walsh, Charlie Kleczka, Katie Chiovatero, Greg Bybee, Michael Moths, Karsten Huttelmaier, Rob Bakic

Absent: Joe Gradel, Katie Levene, Tiffany Kiefer, Megin Rozman

Also Present: Mayor Ted Wysocki, Tom Riese, Maria Peot, Melissa Schneider, Renee Knutilla

The meeting began at 6:40 PM.

Approval of minutes:

There were no minutes from September 17th meeting at this time.

City Current Events:

Mayor Wysocki talked about sites for the library. Council has three possible areas. On topic of the budget, the mayor said that the budget and Public hearing will set final budget, He asked us to keep an eye on budget and the debate about it. He also talked about tax percentages and rates in the city and where our taxes go. The mayor said that the higher the property costs, the higher the taxes. Tom Riese wanted to make sure that the board understood with help of the mayor.

Also, the city is trying to raise money towards Christmas decorations, such as wreaths for along road.

Treasury Report:

The account has nothing because of the battle of the Bands. There were some unclear lines on where the \$133 was, or if it was used in the Battle of the Bands. The mayor is going to get clarification on the money.

Privilege of the Floor:

Melissa Schneider from the library told us that the 1st Poetry night at the library is on Wednesday, October 16.

Mason asked about bylaws for being on the board, We clarified that there are no age requirements, but must live in New Berlin. He talked about extending the term to May or June so that it goes to the end of the school year. We decided to put the topic on the agenda for next month. The Executive Committee will work on this.

Old Business:

Charlie talked about the website. Mason has digital pictures from Battle of the Bands to be put up on the site. Greg looked at sites from other boards across the country for suggestions on websites. Mason commented on making a network of YAB's, similar to that of the WASC. (Wisconsin Association for Student Councils) Ms. Schneider talked about an e-mail ListServe to

get ideas out to teens. We will put YAB Association on agenda for next month for the Programs committee.

We decided to let people who are going to be here for the summer, work on teen leagues for summer. Mary Berg needs input. Nikki Serkowski talked with Mr. Beckert, a teacher at Eisenhower, about city frofing leagues and Ultimate Frisbee Leagues.

Nikki Serkowski had to leave at this time, about 7:15 PM.

We talked about the Battle of the Bands and decided it went very well and that it was definitely a success. It was suggested that work should be divided equally with different committees for different events, since Mason and Casie did a lot of the work. Also, the projects shouldn't necessarily be divided by the names of the committees. We need to work on getting more adult supervision during Battle of the Bands. There was also a problem with clean up, and next time we need an assigned clean up committee. There were problems with bands that didn't live in New Berlin, et all were solved. There has already been some inquiry about us running another Battle of the Bands. We concluded that we need a written report for this event so that we have it for the files, for future reference. In addition, Badger Sound helped out a lot.

Next we discussed having the old library as a teen center. We would need to get a contractor to look at the possibilities for building. We will put on budget for 2004. we must look at the entire site and decide what we need to do with the facility. We could look at another city's teen center (Menomonee Falls). There needs to be questions about this on the city teen survey. Someone suggested Hickory Grove as a possibility, because of the gym. We also need a distinction between a place for clubs and just open hang outs. We suggested to have an open teen forum or hearing to get input from teens. If no one shows up, then we know that we don't have much interest. This was assigned to the Youth Opportunities Committee.

Nicole is going to contact 4 Seasons Skate Park on cost, etc. Mayor said that people wasn't more green space and not active parks in New Berlin. The skate park would be at Quarry Park. There were many questions on what is being planned for quarry Park development. Mark Schroeder is going to come in and talk to us about the park.

There were no budget requests for the next year.

Mrs. Schober, Chair for the 4th of July, asked about ideas. Mason said that the 4th should be our time to promote ourselves. We could make a brochure for the Youth board. The Executive Committee will look at this. Casie suggested that there be a tent at Malone park for teens only.

New Business:

We talked about the winter bonfire idea. People didn't like the idea of it being outside, because of the cold. We could maybe move it indoors. We still think this is a great idea and should definitely be worked on.

To see how other boards run their meetings, Muskego YAB has their meetings and we are welcome to join them.

Adjourn:

Michael Moths moved to adjourn at 8:05 PM, and Casie Walsh seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved. The next meeting will be on November 19th at 6:30 PM.