

**Des Plaines Youth Commission Minutes- February 24, 2025 - 6:00
pm. Prairie Lakes CC- 515 Thacker, Des Plaines, Il.**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Al-Naemy, Burton, M. Cullotta, R.Cullotta, Doerr, Dankowski, Ludwig, & Neil. **Absent:** Sebastian

Also Present : E. Cupuro, C. Mazzone, B. Goodman, R. Ludwig - Volunteer

Public Comment - All those present introduced themselves. E. Cupuro - Principal at Central Elementary School, C. Mazzone - Assistant Principal at Cumberland Elementary School, B. Goodman - Director of Communications

Previous Minutes of January 27th, 2025 - M. Cullotta, Secretary - Minutes were distributed. Motions made by Doerr/Neil to approve minutes. Motion was carried

Review: Intergenerational - Art Project - Dankowski/Neil 2/13/25 - Great turnout. The students and Seniors were given an easel and canvas and were to paint a Valentine theme. All were given questions for the students and seniors as an ice breaker. They enjoyed the event very much. (Students wanting to help with the fun fair also)

Budget - D Goodman - \$669.86 were items for the Fun Fair.

Upcoming Events:

Middle School Bingo at Prairie Lakes - Doerr 3/7/25 at 5:30 - 7:30 - S. Samuelson from FC will loan the bingo game to DPYC. Sent Brad an order for prizes. There will be other games during bingo breaks. Wanted 8 volunteers from MW. Items will be at City Hall week of 2/24/25.

Maine West Fair- 3/12/25 - Neil/Dankowski - Volunteers/Info on Co-Rec Softball - Only during school time. No parents allowed. Neil and Dankowski will be at the fair to recruit for Co-Rec. Any kids in 8th grade and up will form teams and need 10 girls and 10 boys. Total of 8 weeks and there will be playoffs. The kids register through the park district.

Intergenerational- 3/17/25 - Saint Paddy's Trivia Contest - 4:00 p.m.- Neil/Dankowski - Half of the questions are related to the seniors and the others to the students. This will be at the Frisbee Center. Middle school kids are welcome.

March 15th Fun Fair - Dankowski/Burton/Neil & Commissioners- This will be held at Prairie Lakes. The vendors will provide games and DPYC will provide prizes. K.Cobb Magician will be there. The kids will be making buttons, face painting, paper puppets and scavenger hunt. Asking many MW students to Volunteer. Also, MW students dress up as athletes or Disney princesses and take pictures with them in front of the banner. The Police Department and DP Library are two of the vendors. We will be collecting snacks for the Youth Backpack project and provide a bag for the prizes. John Hock will loan us the Football stand for a game. Flyer

will be done in English and Spanish. We are asking for all commissioners to help with this event. Need paper to make circles for the buttons..

Events/Activities for 2025- Chair Requests/Confirmations - Commissioners going over events to see which ones they are committing to do for the year. Needed to be handed in at the March meeting. Bring in any new ideas to the next meeting Commissioners are deciding on how many days to be at the Taste of DP, as well as what to do.

Other Business - Publicity of Events/website - M. Cullotta, Secretary - M.Cullotta to give Denise Fleischer info on DPYC Fun Fair.

Banner that sets up on the table will have QR codes.

B. Goodman will confirm if DPYC needs to have fingerprints done.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:04. **Next meeting is Monday, March 31, 2025 @ PLCC** - Please email Dankowski if unable to attend. (Last Monday due to spring break)

"Wherever there is a human in need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference".