

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting May 6th, 2015

Present: B. Burton

Also: R. Mason

**J. Eddy
H. Graves
K. Thompson
K. McCumber
C. Sastri**

J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by B. Burton

January Minutes: H. Graves motioned to accept the January minutes as written seconded by K. Thompson, the motion was passed. There were no February, March or April meetings to record minutes.

Summer Programs: B. Burton noted that in order to avoid the confusion and rush experienced last year, sign up night for bus trips will be Wednesday June 3rd at 6:00. Signups for recreation programs will be Wednesday June 10th at 6:00.

J. Wysor is working on the recreation schedule. Use of facility requests have been submitted to the school district. A preliminary schedule was distributed. Programs will be similar to past years.

R. Mason reported that the minimum wage issue was addressed by the Council and changes have been made. The changes will make the youth bureau more competitive for employment and will help retain employees. Some changes may be made to the number of staff in some programs. Most of the 2014 summer staff has been canvassed for their return with the exception of new employees. Canvassed staff were asked to reply by May 10th. Once the number of vacancies is known the remaining 2014 staff will be contacted for their return.

Summer Trips: Four summer trips have been scheduled including a Binghamton Mets baseball game, Wonder Works at Destiny Mall, Enchanted Forest, Fort Stanwix and Fort Rickey Game Farm in Rome. Co-sponsors of some trips will be Guernsey Library and Norwich Elks Lodge #1222.

R. Mason was looking for an additional destination because funding was most likely available. After discussion board members directed him to proceed with scheduling a boat excursion on the Erie Canal. An additional stop may be made on that trip pending available funding.

There was extensive discussion on how to execute the signup night for bus trips and involve the Elks and Guernsey Library. The Library and Elks will be provided stations at City Hall, the Youth Bureau will be in the main conference room. Finer details will be worked out.

Spectator Guidelines: After winter programming H. Graves drafted a letter to parents asking for their cooperation in programming. Certain programs have their unique situations where parents may sometimes unintentionally interfere. Further discussion and review will be made prior to winter activities.

H. Graves motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Eddy.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

The next meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be held as needed Wednesday June 3rd at 7:00 PM following summer bus trip registration at 6:00.

