

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting February 8th, 2017

Members Present:

B. Burton, K. Thompson
J. Eddy, D. Elwood

Also Present:

R. Mason
H. Cole
M. Telesky

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by B. Burton

Prospective board members present were Harold Cole 42 Pleasant Street, Norwich and Matt Telesky 114 Telesky Drive, Norwich.

2017 Youth Board Elections: Post phoned until March meeting due to insufficient number of members present at the start of the meeting.

December 2016 meeting minutes: J. Eddy motioned to accept the December 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by D. Elwood, minutes were accepted. There was no January 2017 meeting thus no minutes to be accepted.

Winter 2016 Programs: R. Mason provided registration numbers as of February 6th which totaled 133. This is only 17 below last year's total. More registrations will come in as the programs are still running. M. Telesky asked if the totals were near average. Totals were higher in some past years, but wrestling at one time had nearly 100 participants. Some discussion followed regarding wrestling and some situations that may need further attention. R. Mason will address the matter.

Winter registration totals as of 2/6/17

**Baseball 21 Volleyball 21 Dance 10 Plaza Lanes 10
Softball 24 Wrestling 37 Elks 10**

B. Burton noted that Baseball was well attended and being run nicely. Softball was noted to be doing good as well. K. Thompson said Saturday morning bowling at the Elks Club ran nicely.

Skating Facility: This winter has been a tough one on ice conditions with rain and warm ups. When open the rink is well attended. This past weekend had 114 Saturday skaters and 85 on Sunday. Days and number of skaters was reported as follows:

Month	Days Open	Skaters
December	1	71
January	10	628
February	6	340
	17	1,039

If conditions permit a community skate party will be planned. It is getting late in the season to do this, but if possible R. Mason will plan one. There may be little notice in advance. A DJ, door prizes and food/drink will be needed.

Colonia Theatre Movie: The Youth Bureau will be sponsoring a free movie Monday February 20th, 2:00 PM at the Colonia Theater. The Free showing of "Pete's Dragon" will be on President's Day and there is no school that day. Tickets are required because seating is limited (250). Tickets can be picked up at the Youth Bureau or Finance Office at City Hall. Parents with small children are encouraged to attend with them. Adults and chaperones need tickets as well. The free admission does not include concessions.

New Business: The Youth Bureau has been asked to attend a special event at the High School on February 16th at 6:00. The program is titled "Screenagers". It is an hour long program targeting "growing up in the digital age" and will be presented in the auditorium. The program intent is to address the issue of multimedia usage, smart phones, internet and video games. The Youth Bureau has been asked to set up a table to promote youth bureau activities year

round for healthy alternatives. R. Mason will be unable to attend. This even may be covered by other board personnel.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday March 1st, 2017 at 7:00 in the City Hall meeting room.