

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting March 2, 2022

Board Members

Present:

**K Hazen
P. Marks
M. Telesky
A. Telesky
H. Graves
K. Thompson
B. Burton**

Absent:

**J. Eddy
S. Stewart
S. Whaley
J. Drelich**

Also: A. Testani

Meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Motion was made to accept the February's meeting minutes by K. Thompson, second by P. Marks. All approved.

New Business: Colonia Theatre Movie Night was held on February 21. All 200 tickets were given out. We had 155 people attend the showing. This year we partnered with the city in providing funding for the movie. The city had leftover money from a regrant program that will pay for a portion of the movie. This allowed us to offer a free box of popcorn with each ticket. Total cost will be \$6 for the movie plus \$2 for the popcorn times the 155 in attendance for a total of \$1,240.

A survey was placed on the YB Facebook page approximately 2 weeks ago. As of 3/2/2022 we had 110 responses to the survey. A full review of the survey will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

A grant application was submitted to the RC Smith Foundation requesting funding for the summer trips in the amount of \$5,740. All applications are due April 1st. The board encouraged A. Testani to look into other foundations for additional funding.

Recreation Coordinator Stephanie Stewart proposed two activities for the spring. The first being a reading challenge. We have about \$20 in Dusty Dairy Barn gift certificates left over from 2020 that are still valid. We could use those to reward the top 2 – 3 readers for a particular month.

The second idea was an easter egg hunt sponsored by the Youth Bureau. We would hide an easter egg somewhere in the city with a prize that would be youth orientated. B. Burton made a motion to finalize plans through email on the how the hunt would work, and the prize or prizes given out. Motion was seconded by K. Thompson. The concern the board had was how do you keep the easter egg hunt just to the kids. After some discussion the motion was approved by all.

Old Business: A copy of the budget with YTD actuals was reviewed with the board. All expenditures are on track for the first 2 months of the year.

A. Testani provided a copy of the proposed town billing changes to the board for review as well. This was presented to the council with approval to move forward.

Director's Activities: See above.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by M. Telesky, seconded by Kim H, meeting adjourned at 7:25.

The next Youth Board meeting will be Wednesday April 6th, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room.