

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting May 4, 2022

Board Members

Present: J. Drelich
P. Marks
M. Telesky
A. Telesky
H. Graves
K. Thompson

Absent:
K. Hazen
B. Burton
J. Eddy
S. Whaley

Also: A. Testani
S. Stewart

Meeting was called to order at 6:45

Motion was made to accept the April's meeting minutes by M. Telesky, second by K. Thompson. All approved.

Old Business: A. Testani reviewed the Summer Programs. This year we will be offering swimming lessons, summer fun club, soccer, tennis, flag football, pickleball, basketball, baseball, softball, and cheer. Flag football, basketball, baseball, softball, and cheer are new programs for this summer. A. Testani explained that all programs will be held at Weiler Park. The Youth Bureau has been working with the school district in planning our summer programs. The school district is offering a volunteer morning program that will run from 7:30 to noon. Kids participating in the school program will be bused to Weiler park for the afternoon programs.

The RC Smith Foundation has provided funding for five of the trips planned this summer in the amount of \$5,558.

Updated Youth Board By-laws have been emailed to the Board. Action on the updated by-laws will need to take place in June's meeting, per the by-laws the board needs to have at least 10 days in-advance before accepting any changes.

New Business: April budget numbers were presented to the board. All numbers are tracking as planned.

Sign-ups for the summer programs will be May 25 at 6:00 pm at the city offices. These sign-ups will be for the summer recreational and swimming lessons only. Sign-up for trips will be separate. We also discussed not advertising for sign-ups this year, as we are now being charged for our ads. The amount of traffic on our Facebook page, along with passing the registration forms at both Perry Browne and Gibson schools, generate many of the registrations. The added expense of purchasing an ad does not seem worth the number of registrations received.

H. Graves presented his work on the life skills class the Youth Bureau would like to offer. The class will be offered to graduating seniors sometime in June. H. Graves has created an outline of the class which he has reviewed with several students and business/car professionals. The Northeast Classic Car Museum has agreed to allow us to have the class in one of their parking lots. A motion was made to have H. Grave continue to work on the class by Matt. T, seconded by P. Marks. The motion was passed by all.

Director's Activities: I continue to work with the Norwich City school district tying together their summer program with ours. As stated above the school district has agreed to provide transportation to Weiler park for kids that sign-up for both programs. This should help to increase the participation numbers in our programs.

I am working on finalizing dates for our trips.

We have received seventeen applications to-date for our program and lifeguard positions. I have also reached out to last summer's employees to see who would like to return. We have thirteen youth that would like to return this summer. Between those and the new applications received, we are in good shape with being able to staff all our positions.

Kathy Coates of the Chenango Fair reached out to me asking if the Youth Bureau would be interested in taking part in some sort of art activity for the fair. The fair is celebrating 175 years this year. Kathy's thought was creating some sort of mural of what the fair means to kids, where people can pose behind with their faces showing. I am going to present this idea to our Recreation Coordinator and Playground Supervisor to see if this something the Summer Fun Club could undertake.

Town of Plymouth Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger asked me to present what activities the Youth Bureau offers the youth of Plymouth. I will be presenting our Summer Programs at the town meeting on May 9th.

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by P. Marks, seconded by H. Graves, meeting adjourned at 7:25.

The next Youth Board meeting will be Wednesday June 1st, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room.