

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting November 4th, 2009

Members Present:

J. Williams
B. Burton C. Sastri
H. Graves J. Brunschmid
M. Francis T. Della Porta

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor
L. Brunschmid

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

October Minutes: B. Burton motioned to accept the October minutes, seconded by J. Williams, minutes were accepted.

Recreation Report: J. Wysor stated that 2010 winter program sign ups will be held Wednesday December 2nd at 6:00. This will be just prior to the regular monthly meeting and assistance from board members will be needed. All programs with the exception of junior wrestling will commence after January 1st.

Winter program planning is falling into place. Wrestling will start Tuesday November 10th. Wrestlers can sign up with the program instructors at the High School wrestling room. Coaches Scheer and Slater are returning and a third is being sought.

Coaches for the indoor softball and baseball pre-season practices are returning. Two assistants for softball may also have been located. They will be varsity players on the spring team and R. Mason will check into what will be required for working papers and what hours they will be able to work. Coaches for Volleyball are being recruited. J. Drelich indicated at the October meeting he would return for indoor soccer and that he would be speaking with J. Mutabiilwa for his return to assist. R. Mason needs to establish times and days programs will run so time can be booked at the soccer center.

Bowling has been scheduled with Plaza Lanes.

New Activities: R. Mason has arranged for the Youth Bureau to sponsor two introduction to dance classes for “first time” students at the Donna Frech School of Dance. Instruction will be held Saturday mornings starting January 9th. Hip Hop classes will be held for ages 5-8 at 9:30-10:15 and ages 9-12 10:15-11:00. It is the intent to attract students who may not have the resources to normally enroll in dance instruction. A grant is available through the Council of the Arts for summer classes. R. Mason will be applying to the Council for summer program assistance.

Arrangements have been made with Kid’s Club to sponsor an evening play hour during the winter. Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00, commencing January 6th for 20 youth, who must be accompanied by a parent. The program would run for 8 weeks. There was discussion on how to limit the activity to 20 without having to turn people away at the door. R. Mason will be working with L. Lawrence from Kid’s Club to work out details.

Skating Facility: The ice skating facility is ready to go, pending skate sharpening and ice. Board members discussed various ways to help with weekend end ice maintenance and how to recruit assistance. R. Mason has donated his time since 1997 and it is becoming increasingly difficult complete the required tasks. Information will be made available during program registration night to attract assistance from the public. Other venues will also be researched prior to the December Board meeting. A rink schedule will also be on hand to recruit volunteers to donate time inside the building during normal operating hours.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday December 2nd, 2009 following winter program registration.