

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting February 3rd, 2010

Present: T. Della Porta, B. Burton,
C. Sastri, M. Francis

Also: R. Mason
J. Wysor, D. Francis

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by T. Della Porta.

January Minutes: B. Burton motioned to accept the January 2010 minutes, C. Sastri made a second, minutes were accepted.

Recreation Report: J. Wysor stated that the winter programs were all underway and were “vibrant”. Programs are being well run and attendance has been good. Volleyball has had very good turnouts and positive parent comments have been received.

Baseball and softball practices started this week. C. Sastri commented how well softball was being run, with six different practice stations set up. There was some discussion concerning the number of youth in the older group (ages 13-19), as only one registration was initially received. More showed up at the site and registered with the instructors.

Participation at Kid’s Kingdom has increased from two (2) the first night and 22 this past week. Kid’s Kingdom advertised “free play” as sponsored by the Youth Bureau which helped increase participation.

Sunday soccer has been very well run and attended. Since initial registration, numbers of participants grew so much the group was split into two parts which each run for an hour. J. Drelich and J. Mutabilwa are doing excellent work with the youth.

J. Wysor noted that we are presently running programs 6 days a week, not including Fridays.

R. Mason reported after school bowling at Plaza Lanes will conclude next week after 6 weeks (12 days) of activity.

In total there are 253 registered in winter activities, 75 more than last years at this time. More registrations are expected, especially in baseball and softball.

Skating Facility: The skating rink has been a very busy place, having been open 22 out of 31 days in January. Weather conditions and ice have been near ideal. There was some time lost due to heavy rain mid-month, however the rink quickly returned to skating condition. In January 1,171 skaters have used the facility.

Skate Party: Despite a slow start because of very frigid temperatures, the skate party held January 30th turned out very good. Chenango Health Network – Tobacco Free Chenango supplied the DJ service, The Label Gallery supplied refreshments. Door prizes were very popular. Volunteers from the Youth Board also assisted with the event. In total 69 participants enjoyed the event.

Council of the Arts: A grant has been awarded from the Chenango County of the Arts, (Broome & Chenango Decentralized) for \$750.00 to help support summer dance instruction for first time dancers. Instruction will be held at the Donna Frech School of Dance and co-sponsored by the Youth Bureau. Classes will include Hip-Hop and Acro for two age groups each.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm. The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday March 3rd, 2010 7:00pm at the City Hall Meeting Room.