

# **City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting January 3, 2024**

## **Board Members**

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| <b>Present:</b> | <b>K. Hazen</b>               | <b>Absent:</b> | <b>M. Telesky</b>              |
|                 | <b>B. Burton</b>              |                | <b>P. Marks</b>                |
|                 | <b>J. Eddy</b>                |                | <b>H. Graves</b>               |
|                 | <b>M. Loughren</b>            |                | <b>Student Rep: A. Telesky</b> |
|                 | <b>J. Colley</b>              |                |                                |
|                 | <b>K. Thompson</b>            |                |                                |
|                 | <b>J. Hagenbuch</b>           |                |                                |
|                 | <b>Student Rep: J. Parker</b> |                |                                |

**Also: A. Testani, A. Thompson, D. Thompson**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson J. Eddy.

B. Burton made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Hagenbuch, approved by all.

## **Old Business**

YBD A. Testani provided an update on Winter Programs registrations. Overall programs are down 16% from 2023, with the largest decline in the Cheer program. Cheer is down sixteen kids (36%) from 2023. Baseball and wrestling are down thirteen kids, while soccer is down two and softball down one. Winter fun club has the same number signed as last year and bowling is up seven kids. It is likely that we will see a few more registrations in the next 2 weeks.

YDB also gave an update on our donation to the Elks club for youth bowling needs. The Elks club sent the YB a bill for \$851 for new youth bowling equipment. The Elks purchased eight new youth bowls and seventeen new shoes.

A quick discussion was held regarding the new ice rink in East Park. We will be placing a sign in the park thanking our sponsors at the Weiler Ice Rink.

Sara Whaley has resigned from the Youth Board.

## **New Business**

The December YTD budget was presented. Overall, the budget remains below plan. Revenue is down due to the state reimbursement being lower than planned along with waiting on the town of Preston's fee. The YB cannot transfer any unused funds to a reserve account.

With the town of Plymouth not renewing their contract for 2024, the YB is going to have to charge non-residents of the city and the towns we contract a fee to participate in our programs. Total expenditures for 2023 for the YB were \$91,330, this is minus the cost of the trips we provide as those are covered by grants and donations. The total number of registrations in our recreation programs is 708, making our cost per registration \$87.89. The cost per registration is down compared to 2021 and 2022 when the cost per registration was \$182.33 and \$98.83, respectively. YBD A. Testani looked at the city of Ithaca, Cortland, towns of Olean, Lancaster, Cicero, and Sullivan as a comparison to see what other youth groups were charging.

B. Burton made a motion that we charge a tiered fee starting at \$50 per child, which increases to \$75 for two children, and caps at \$100 for three or more children from the same family registering for our programs. A child can register for as many programs as they like, the fee would still be \$50 per child. A family with proof of financial assistance, like SNAP, will receive a discount of 50%. The motion was seconded by J. Hagenbuch and approved by all. This motion will have to be presented to the Council for final approval.

## **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Burton at 6:40, seconded by K. Thompson. Approved by all.

**The next Youth Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 7th at 6:00 PM at City Court.**