

**City of Norwich
Youth Board Meeting
February 5, 2025**

Board Members:

Present:	B. Burton	Absent:	J. Eddy
	L. Powell-Owens		K. Thompson
	J. Colley		M. Loughren
	K. Hazen		H. Graves
	J. Hagenbuch		
	P. Marks		
	J. Brown		
	Student Rep: J. Parker		

Also: A. Testani

Vice-chairperson B. Burton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

J. Hagenbuch made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes, seconded by P. Marks, approved by all.

Old Business:

Following up on last month's discussion to offer non-sports activities to this summer's programs, YBD A. Testani has reached out to Nate Gross regarding group music lessons, Kim Hazen at Guernsey Library about a book club, Mary Beth Miller about an Art program, Courtney Cunningham at Serenity Hobbies about a gaming club, and Landen Stone about a science program. Everyone contacted is interested in teaming up with the Youth Bureau to offer these programs. More details need to be worked out like cost, class size, number of classes, and age of participants. A. Testani is scheduling following up meetings with each group to work out these details.

New Business:

Sonya Houston will be joining the Youth Bureau.

YBD A. Testani explained Norwich High School offers a bridging program for students entering the ninth grade. The program is a week-long where students take part in several activities. One part of the program is that each student needs to perform community service. YBD A. Testani would like to partner with the school in this program. As part of the community service, the students could work spreading mulch at the parks. The school would also like to offer a movie as a reward for taking part in the program but does not have the funding for the movie. B. Burton made a motion to partner with the school to provide funding for the movie, seconded by P. Marks, approved by all.

J. Hagenbuch made a motion to adjourn at 6:30, seconded by J. Parker, approved by all.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be **Mach 5th**, at 6:00 PM in the city court.