

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

Board Members:

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

Also: A. Testani, Alderman M. Caezza

No action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

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

Old Business: Non-sport programs: YBD A. Testani presented to the Board an anticipated cost for the non-sports related program. Music lesson from Nate Gross, two sessions, beginner and intermediate guitar lessons, one and ½ hour session, 3 days per session for up to ten kids would be \$1,500. The science program would cost approximately \$500 for equipment for the glass. Gaming night at Serenity Hobbies 2 days a week, 2 hours per session, two sessions per day for 6 weeks, up to ten kids per session \$1,200. Still working on the cost for the arts program and book club. No action was taken.

Winter Programs: The winter programs will all wrap up this week. In total we had 245 registrations for the programs, made up of 207 individuals. Wrestling had ninety-four kids registered, followed by soccer with fifty, cheer twenty-seven, baseball twenty-four, bowling twenty-three, softball fourteen, and fun club thirteen. The programs canceled only 2 days due to the weather.

Ice rink: The ice rink was open from January 10th through February 27th. Over the 49-day stretch, the rink closed for 6 days due to warmer temperatures. While we do not keep track of the number of skaters, we received over \$500 in donations to help cover the cost of the hot chocolate provided.

Karate: Cynthia Maricle from Genbu-Kai Norwich dojo offered Karate last summer at no cost to the city. It was taught one afternoon a week for 6 weeks. Thirty-seven kids registered for the program. This year, YBD A. Testani asked if the program could be extended to two sessions a week. Cynthia said she could but not without asking for a fee. YBD A. Testani presented a fee of \$1,000 for the class to the board. No action was taken.

New Business:

Girls Wrestling Program: The Youth Bureau is offering a girl only wrestling program from March 4 through May 23rd. The program is being taught by Frankie Garcia, using budgeted hours from the Pee Wee program. There are twenty-seven girls currently signed up for the program.

Election of Officers: The election of officers was supposed to take place at the first annual meeting of the year. Officers shall serve for one year or until said officers or the successor has been duly elected and qualified. In April we will need to elect officers. They include Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secertary.

Budget: YBD A. Testani presented the annual budget compared to YTD expenditure. Winter programs are below budget by over \$7,000. Where possible the unspent funds will be used to pay for the non-sports program that were not part of the budget.

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

Our next meeting will be **April 2nd**, at 6:00 PM in the city court.