

**City of Norwich
Youth Board Meeting
April 2, 2025**

Board Members:

Present: B. Burton

J. Brown

J. Eddy

K. Thompson

M. Loughren

Student Rep: J. Parker

H. Graves

P. Marks

L. Powell-Owens

J. Colley

K. Hazen

Absent:

Sonya Houston

J. Hagenbuch

Also: A. Testani

Chairperson J. Eddy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Old Business:

Election of officers: Chairperson – Jessica Hagenbuch was nominated to the position of Chairperson. J. Brown made a motion to accept J. Hagenbuch's nomination, seconded by B. Burton. Approved by all. Jamie Brown was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson. B. Burton made a motion to accept J. Brown's nomination for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by P. Marks. Approved by all. Joey Parker was nominated for the position of Secretary. B. Burton made a motion to accept J. Parker's nomination as recording secretary, seconded by P. Marks. Approved by all. The new officers will start with their roles at the May meeting.

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. B. Burton made a motion to allow for the spending of \$1,500 on guitar lessons, seconded by J. Brown. Approved by all.

The STEM program would cost approximately \$500 for equipment for the glass. The STEM program will be 4 days a week, one and ½ hours be class for 6 weeks. All classes will be at Weiler Park. M. Loughren made a motion to cover the expenses of the STEM program up to \$500, seconded by B. Burton. Approved by all.

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. B. Burton made a motion to spend \$1,200 on the gaming program with Serenity Hobbies, the motion was seconded by K. Thompson. Approved by all.

The art program would be two different classes: a sketching/painting class and a jewelry/mosaic class. The painting class will run 3 days a week, 2 hours a day for 5 weeks. The mosaic art class will be 2 days a week, 2 hours a day for 5 weeks. The approximate cost for the class would be \$2,000. B. Burton made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 on the art program, seconded by P. Marks. Approved by all.

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 \$60.00 per student with a cap at \$1,000 for the class to the board. H. Graves made a motion to approve spending \$60.00 per student with a cap at \$1,000 for the karate class, seconded by K. Thompson. Approved by all.

New Business:

YBD A. Testani shared the dates of the 2025 summer trips. The Youth Bureau will be going to the Wild Animal Park on July 11th, Fenimore Farm and Country Village on July 18th, the Museum of Science and Technology on July 25th, Rail Explorers on August 1st and Water Safari on August 8th.

H. Graves made a motion to adjourn at 6:35, seconded by J. Brown, approved by all.

Our next meeting will be **May 7th**, at 6:00 PM in the city court.