

Community Connections for Youth

Minutes January 8, 2007

Present: Kevin Eldridge (Community), Kathy Moore (D200), Andy Perez (D200), Mary Ellen Prindiville (Community), Jennifer Schnepf (Community), Katie Wagner (University of Illinois Extension), Ken West (Community)

REMEMBER: All committees should be meeting at least one time between general meetings.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Old Business:

- The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Report:

- Our balance as of the January 8th meeting was \$3090.45 (pending audit).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P.R. and Community Education/Speakers Group Committee:

- Distribution of the winter *Dangerous Times* flyer has been delayed slightly due to difficulty completing the Spanish translation. The English version was printed in the winter edition of the City of Woodstock City Scene.
- The Welcome packet should be finalized at the next committee meeting.

Grants and Funding Committee:

- Kathy emailed Kevin an announcement for a \$500 Disney Minnie Grant to support youth-led service projects. Kevin suggested that we might be able to write the grant in partnership with the Woodstock Public Library. Ideas discussed at the meeting will be presented to Maggie Crane and Mary Thompson.
- If you do not see a link for your organization on our website (www.ccywoodstock.org) please send the URL to Kevin at secretary@ccywoodstock.org.

Youth Advisory Committee:

- Six to seven youth were in attendance at the January 7th YAB meeting. Those present felt that there were not enough members to carry out a youth summit this year.
- The YAB members are in the process of gathering information on potential service projects that they can become involved in (e.g., helping at Lakewood Resource Center, raising money for the food pantry or the animal shelter, etc.)
- Four YAB youth will be singing or speaking at the *Music For Martin* Celebration at Grace Lutheran Church at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2007. Additional YAB members will help out at the program.

Old Business:

- Kathy reported that she is in discussions with her first choice for the speaker for the Town Hall meeting to take place in January. The R-search kids watched an inspirational video that highlighted the speaker, and asked Kathy if it would be possible to secure him as the next presenter.

- Ken reported that the *Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors* survey will not be administered this year. Rather, it is tentatively scheduled to be administered in February of 2008. This is the timeline that CCY had originally desired (i.e., every four years). This schedule is also preferred by D200 which will be administering a different survey to the target age group in February 2007.
- *Music for Martin*: A celebration of the life and teachings of Dr. King will take place at Grace Lutheran Church at 3:30 p.m., Sunday January 28, 2007. Ken reported that the number of artists involved continues to increase each year. Please try to get the word out!

New Business:

- Kathy reported that Dr. Bob Reely, the associate executive director of the American Studies Institute has offered to waive the Leadership conference fees (including room and board) for 2-3 adults and 6-7 youth to attend the National Leadership Forum in Arkansas. We would only need to provide transportation.
- The majority of the meeting involved brainstorming ways that CCY can partner more closely with the Woodstock Public Library. The discussion began with ideas that would fulfill the youth led service project requirements of the Disney Minnie Grant. Some ideas generated included: plantings, bird feeders and painting of rooms. We also discussed offering to present mini-workshops for the youth in Mary Thompson's after school programs. Ken introduced the idea of featuring "temporary" art (i.e., completed with dry erase markers) that would be changed monthly. It was suggested that we design *Dangerous Times* bookmarks for the Library to hand out. Ken and Kevin will meet with Maggie Crane and Mary Thompson to discuss these ideas and any that they may have.

Future Agenda Items:

- February: The meeting will continue our discussion of ways to strengthen our partnership with the Library.
- March: We will view the website (online in real time) and discuss changes/additions/links that are needed.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned.

Our next regular meeting will be held from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2006 at the Woodstock Fire Station, 435 Judd St. (please park in the rear of the building).
If you are unable to attend, please call Ken West at 338-2921.



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