

Community Connections for Youth

Minutes May 14, 2007

Present: Janice Conelly (YSB), Kevin Eldridge (Community), Barry Lamb (Dorr Township), Matt Ohms (BSA), Andy Perez (D200), Mary Ellen Prindiville (Community), Jennifer Schnepf (Community), Katie Wagner Roberts (UI, MC 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 meeting date was \$2796.81 (pending audit).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- The summer edition of *Dangerous Times* flyer has a June 1st target date.
- The Asset Builder of the Year award letters were sent to Olson Middle School, Northwood Middle School, Woodstock High School, and St. Mary's in Woodstock. We are waiting to receive the names of the nominees at each school.

Grants and Funding Committee:

- Dorr Township is continuing to provide financial support to the youth of Woodstock. In past years, the Township has provided generous donations that helped send our YAB youth to the Search Institute Conferences. At today's meeting, Barry Lamb presented a check for \$500 from Dorr Township to help defray the cost of the birding workshop at the Woodstock Public Library. This amount covers that funds we had applied for in the Disney Minnie Grant. Thank you for your continued support!
- Kevin reported that the Library birding event was a huge success. Thanks to generous donations from Bohn's Ace Hardware, some bargain shopping, and volunteer services from Brian Carroll (McHenry Count Conservation District), as well as Doug Crane and Darlene Fiske from the McHenry County Audubon Society (and a number of CCY members), we were able to stay under budget and still serve three times the number of youth we had expected. Mary Thompson reported that 30-35 youth attended the three part series. The youth that participated will now help to maintain the two bird feeders that were installed at the Library. Doug Crane is also planning a birding expedition for youth that are interested.
- Kevin suggested that CCY consider selling Six Flag's Great America Coaster for a Cause tickets next year. The program provides not-for-profits the opportunity to sell half-price tickets to a one day charity event. CCY would receive \$8.00 for every \$26.00 ticket they sell.
- 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:

- Three YAB youth met at Ken's to assemble even more glass snowflakes. Ken reported that approximately 175 snowflakes are already completed. This is a social service project for the YAB, not a fundraising activity. All proceeds will benefit the Family Health Partnership Clinic.
- The Mural Project continues to move ahead. The background colors are completed on the two sections that CCY has committed to. The artists (and volunteers) are beginning to work on the detail painting. As these two sections near completion, another YAB member is considering taking on another section of the mural.

New Business:

- Jennifer reported that Lori Crane is the new grant coordinator for the JUMP mentoring grant and Drug Free grant. Welcome Lori!
- Ken reminded us that CCY will be providing refreshments at the August 22nd Concert in the Square. Please check your calendars to see if you are available to help out.
- Kevin initiated a discussion on the group's interest in providing microloans to youth who have entrepreneurial inspiration. Microlending has long been recognized as a way to fight global poverty. It might also serve as a way to empower the youth in our community. Katie is going to look at information from 4-H and the extension office that might be of help. If there is enough interest, this topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

Future Agenda Items:

- June: Discuss webmaster position.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned.

Our next regular meeting will be held from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007 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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