

Youth Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

GMR Marketing

5000 South Towne Drive

New Berlin, WI 53151

Present: Mayor Wysocki, Eric Schmidt, Jack Nilles, Katie Chiovatero, Katie Levene, Brian Moths, Danielle Stanczak, Eric Printz, Daniel Burkhardt, Maria Peot, Theodore Schober, Rachel Ignasiak, Josh Orlikowski

Excused: Kristi Prokop, Tracy Calhoun, Teddy Walsh, David McLaughlin

Also Present: Marc Smathers

I. Katie Levene called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

II. Levene moved to approve the minutes from January 18, 2005. Katie Chiovatero seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

III. Mayor's City Current Events Update

The new library is open to the public. It includes study rooms for students and many other new, exciting features.

The 60th anniversary of the Battle at Iwo Jima will be celebrated in July.

The City Budget is being analyzed. It includes money set aside for the renovation of the old library building. A decision on how to use the facility will be made by July.

The City Fire Department is recruiting firefighters and EMTS 18 years or older. They will likely have a booth at the Fourth of July festivities.

A Children's Hospital outreach building will be erected across from the new library on Witmer Lane.

A housing complex is being put in behind the new library building.

The Mayor clarified to Jack Nilles that interested parties have always had the right to construct an Orthodox Church across from Poplar Creek; the Mayor has never opposed building a church there, but it is unnecessary for those involved to attempt to resolve inapplicable zoning issues.

IV. Privilege of the Floor

Daniel Burkhardt has reserved June 4 as the date of the Youth Board sponsored Frolfing Tournament at Valley View Park.

V. The Board, Mayor Wysocki, and Marc Smathers partook in a long, interesting discussion about the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program and whether GMR should continue to support it financially. Since almost all Board members have been through the program themselves, they were able to provide helpful feedback. Board members generally advised Smathers (though some members took more extreme positions) that DARE is a worthwhile, if flawed, program which GMR should continue to support, at the same time encouraging those who run DARE to keep tabs on its effectiveness and attempt to modernize its approach.

VI. The Board discussed the possibility of videotaping future meetings and airing them on New Berlin's Public Access channel. Eric Schmidt moved that the Board's March meeting be videotaped and aired at a later date. Daniel Burkhardt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

VII. Board members will soon purchase custom T-shirts. Katie Levene moved that the shirts be lime-green in color with a turquoise blue "ringer." Eric Schmidt seconded the motion, and it

was unanimously approved.

Maria Peot and Katie Chiovero left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

VIII. Theodore Schober is still waiting to hear from bands interested in performing at July's Battle of the Bands. In the meantime, application forms for interested bands need to be drafted.

IX. Subcommittees

A. The Volunteer Brochure committee is continuing to research how best to go about completing a brochure. Levene, the committee chairperson, feels that the Board should take steps similar to those taken to complete the Teen Yellow Pages.

B. The PR Committee will meet before the next meeting to discuss the possibility of a Mayoral Candidate's Forum geared towards New Berlin's youth.

C. Daniel Burkhardt and his Frolf Tournament Committee continue to plan the event. Burkhardt feels that concessions must be sold at the event, admission discounts should be given to large groups, and that supervisors must be at every hole.

X. Katie Levene moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. Danielle Stanczak seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The next official meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

All minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Eric Schmidt*