

# Minutes

## Youth Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

### Public Safety Building

**Present:** Kate Bonner, Katie Chiovero, Eric Schmidt, Megin Rozman, Casie Walsh, Katie Levene, Greg Bybee, Nicole Serkowski, Joe Gradel

**Excused:** Ashley Stocks, Kristin Czubkowski, Mason Fong

**Absent:** Karsten Huttelmaier, Robert Bakic, Michael Moths, Charlie Kleczka

**Also Present:** Mayor Ted Wysocki, Tom Riese, Officer Pine, Sheri Prokop, Kristi Prokop, Cheryl Schober, Donald Winze, Mary Flagg

*The meeting began at 6:41 PM.*

#### Approval of Minutes:

- A. Greg Bybee motioned to approve the minutes from January 21, 2003. Katie Chiovero seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- B. Kristin Czubkowski, who was absent, is still working on typing up the minutes from February 3, 2003.

#### City Current Events Update:

Mayor Wysocki mentioned a meeting he'd heard about at the Committee of Mayors. Taking place this June, its focal point will be the value of national communication with organizations similar to the New Berlin Youth Advisory Board.

Wysocki went on to discuss a new city statute allowing New Berlin high school students to work at polls on election days. Students trained for such work will probably be paid for their services; the Mayor will look into this. Interested teens would be not be able to receive adequate training in time for the April elections, but there would probably be no trouble with the November elections

The Mayor was happy to report that the snake habitat dilemma has been solved. The snake's living conditions were settled and those involved received an award for their efforts. The new library will soon be built on the open area.

The Kohls Plaza, reported Wysocki, will be facelifted. Its new name will be the New Berlin Plaza.

*Joe Gradel arrived at 6:52 PM.*

K-Mart affirmed that though citizens tried to convince it to stay, the store will be closing down. Because of a poor lease management job, a different party owns the land than does the property. Other major commercialism has been suggested for the area. The business aspect is most important, but this will pose a problem. There is a possibility that a Kuglitsch's may take K-Mart's place, but no further information was available.

The Mayor gave his opinions on a recent speech given by Governor Doyle, claiming that the real issue lies in recognizing accountability before the cost of government is brought into question. He worries about a potentially industrial-based economy.

He concluded by informing the Board that both a Cudoba and a Starbucks are being put up in place of the old Hardees.

#### III. Privilege of the Floor

Don Rinske, a 23-year resident of New Berlin, explained how Kristin Czubkowski had called him inquiring about the possibility of him providing ping-pong tables for the Winter Bonfire and Dance on February 28, 2003. He wants to meet with those people in charge (Kristin and two parents.) He encouraged Youth Board members to attend his table tennis classes on Saturday nights at the Hickory Grove Center. When Eric Schmidt and Joe Gradel correctly answered his trivia questions, he gave them each a ping-pong paddle. He concluded his presentation by indicating his interest in contacting Mary Berg.

Tom Riese explained in more detail the Madison conference he'd brought at the January 21, 2003 meeting. It's called "Shared Leadership: Youth and Adults at the Table," and is an in-service training for professionals interested about youth in government. Ideally, Riese would like one member to give a presentation about the New Berlin Youth Advisory Board, but he would welcome more. Bybee stated that someone long affiliated with the Board would be an appropriate representative, and mentioned that though the Youth Board pamphlet would not be completed by then, a brief flyer could be made up. The Mayor said he would provide transportation to the event, and lunch could be provided.

Cheryl Schober spoke about the upcoming Fourth of July activities, suggesting that they be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Malone Park will be available at that time, and the major concession must be secured by that day, with fliers long having been circulated. Rides could be provided, and a dunk tank is being looked into. It was also suggested that a game tent for personal fundraising could be set up. Further discussion is in order, and a possible timetable will be known by March. Mason Fong, who was excused, has offered help.

Nicole Serkowski mentioned that Mr. Amend had called to notify her of her term expiration. She felt he was mistaken, and seemed to remember that her and others' terms were extended to June. Her intuitions were verified.

Mayor Wysocki talked about how he'd discussed the Youth Board in his February newsletter to New Berlin residents.

Mary Berg notified the Board of upcoming events at the New Berlin Public Library. The Teen Poetry night will be on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 PM. On Wednesday, February 26, a movie discussion on "Pleasantville" will take place at 4:00 PM. At 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 13, the library offers Teen Financial Advice Night. Soon, the Teen Haiku Poetry Contest will be held. Career Night for teens is coming up on Wednesday, April 2.

#### **IV. Old Business**

- A. During discussion about the Madison conference on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Advisory Board Brochure was talked about. No further discussion is necessary at the moment.
- B. Fong, who was excused, wants to pick a day for the Youth Public Meeting, to be held at City Hall. Kids would be able to talk about issues important to them and provoke discussion.
- C. The New Berlin Youth Advisory Board is eager to help form a Youth Board Association with similar area organizations, though no steps have taken yet.
- D. Charlie Kleczka was not present to give an update on the YAB Webpage.
- E. Fong was not present to give an update on the Teen Interest Survey.
- F. Kate Bonner emailed Fong inquiring about the Battle of the Bands thank-you notes. He has yet to get back to her.

#### **V. New Business**

None.

#### **VI. Winter Bonfire and Dance**

- A. Bybee made flyers, and will talk with Mike Wilson, Athletic Director at Eisenhower High School, about advertising possibilities. Officer Pine suggested looking into advertising at area businesses which kids

frequent. Bybee contacted the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, which may run a blurb in their Waukesha section, and the New Berlin Citizen, which has not contacted him yet. He will call the Waukesha Freeman as well.

- B. Bonfire interest among teens needs to be revived by means of music, activities, and entertainment. Fong is looking into getting a DJ for the event. Bybee will ask Blockbuster if they could provide movies for kids to watch. Megin Rozman should continue to look into getting different area teen bands to play, who would be willing to provide their own equipment. Karaoke will also be set up.
- C. Some Board members have yet to provide chaperones. Once they are located, Bybee needs their names as soon as possible. Ideally, he would like each person to provide three chaperones.
- D. Rozman reported that candy and pop will be sold at the event.
- E. Ticket sales will be held at Eisenhower and West basketball games, and a roll of tickets needs to be acquired. Schmidt and Ashley Stocks will sell tickets at Eisenhower. Rozman and Casie Walsh will look into selling tickets at West.

*Katie Levene left at 7:51.*

- F. Rozman and Walsh will be in charge of concessions.
- G. Everyone should come at 8:15 PM to be assigned things to do. Wysocki has chamber business and will be late; Nicole Serkowski may be in Madison. Bonner and Katie Chiovatero will contact everybody not present to make sure they can come. Chiovatero will ask Katie Levene, who left before discussion on this subject was had, to make a banner for the event. Officer Eisenbach stopped by the meeting at 7:53 PM and said she'd be happy to pass out flyers for the bonfire to kids in her office; she left at 7:55 PM.

*Greg Bybee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Joe Gradel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*