

Minutes

Youth Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Council Chambers, New Berlin City Hall, 3805 S. Casper Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151

**** AMENDED ****

Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next meeting.

Present: Katie Chiovatero, Eric Schmidt, Greg Bybee, Kristin Czubkowski, Mike Moths, Charlie Kleczka, Eric Printz, Katie Levene, Jack Nilles, Josh Orlikowski

Excused: Brian Moths, Teddy Walsh, Kate Bonner, Daniel Burkhardt, Joe Gradel

Absent: David McLaughlin**

Also Present: Mayor Ted Wysocki, Katie Kline, Kristi Prokop, Mr. and Mrs. David Ament, Paul Gallagher

The meeting began at 6:40.

I. New Member Welcome and Orientation (Bybee)

A. All appointed members present have been sworn in. They should review the Code of Ethics.

B. Greg Bybee welcomed the new members.

C. All present formally introduced themselves.

D. The Youth Advisory Board, Bybee explained to new members, was created by former Mayor Jim Gatzke.

E. Gatzke's intention was to create a Board of liaisons to the Common Council. Despite this, only a few proposals have been made to the Common Council during the three years the Board has been in effect. In the future, some of the Board's primary goals include seeing the establishment of a Teen Center in New Berlin, distributing a Teen Survey, and interacting with other Youth Advisory Boards in Wisconsin.

F. Structure and Organization

i. During meetings, members must stick to the predetermined agenda. If a board member wants something put on the agenda, they can contact Kristin Czubkowski. The agenda cannot be altered less than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. In addition, if more than seven members are unable to attend a meeting, it must be postponed in the absence of a quorum.

ii. Mayor Wysocki implored the Board to reconsider abandoning the idea of structured committees. He explained how, if they're utilized correctly, these committees can be of great value. Eric Schmidt expressed his agreement with the Mayor on this matter.

a. A "Teen Center" ad hoc committee will be set up at a future meeting.

b. Eric Schmidt moved to nominate Eric Printz for Treasurer. Katie Chiovatero seconded the motion, and Printz accepted the nomination. Kristin Czubkowski moved to close nominations for Treasurer. Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Katie Levene moved to nominate Eric Schmidt for Secretary. Katie Chiovatero seconded the motion, and Schmidt accepted the nomination. Kristin Czubkowski moved to close nominations for Treasurer. Levene seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Eric Schmidt moved to nominate Katie Chiovero for Vice Chairman. Eric Printz seconded the motion, and Chiovero accepted the nomination. Mike Moths moved to close nominations for Vice Chairman. Katie Levene seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Katie Levene moved to nominate Kristin Czubkowski for Chairman. Josh Orlikowski seconded the motion, and Czubkowski accepted the nomination. Levene moved to close nominations for Chairman. Eric Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

c. All Officer candidates briefly spoke on why Board members should elect them.

d. Eric Printz was elected Treasurer unanimously. Eric Schmidt was elected Secretary unanimously. Katie Chiovero was elected Vice Chairman unanimously. Kristin Czubkowski was elected Chairman unanimously. These Officers will officially assume their positions at August's meeting.

G. Liasons, Affiliates

i. Liaisons to the Youth Board include Renee Knutilla from HOSEA, Tom Riese from Wisconsin Connection, Paul Gallagher from the Common Council, Mary Jane Whitty from Eisenhower Middle School, Mary Berg from the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department*, Mary Flagg and Melissa Schneider** from the New Berlin Public Library, Officer Tony Pine from the New Berlin Police Department, Corissa Jansen from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Linda Fausel from the New Berlin Citizen, and various writers for the New Berlin Express News.

ii. Bybee passed out handouts concerning SAYES (Senior Advocate Youth Exchange Service) and encouraged Board members to spread the word about this worthy volunteer organization. The Mayor was quick to point out additional opportunities like SAYES, including Safety Town, Teen Fright Night, the Hare & Tortoise Run, Teen Court, and the Fire Spectacular.

H. Pamphlets on Parliamentary Procedure were handed out. As the new Vice Chairman, Katie Chiovero has an obligation to learn these procedures and make sure they are followed correctly at meetings.

I. Some Board members asked questions concerning Parliamentary Procedure, the structure of the Board, etc. They were given prompt and accurate answers by Bybee.

II. Approval Of Minutes (Czubkowski)

A. Greg Bybee moved to approve the minutes from June 3, 2003. Kristin Czubkowski seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

III. Privilege of the Floor

Mayor Ted Wysocki hopes that the Board will enjoy working with Marilyn Gauger*, the new City Clerk.

Eric Schmidt spoke of his interest in establishing a Teen Center in New Berlin as soon as possible. There is no point in putting off the issue further, he said. He suggested that at August's meeting, a deadline be set on which a proposal will have been written up for delivery to the Common Council concerning a location.

Schmidt also believes that videotaped broadcasts of meetings is necessary as the Board progresses. He wants this on the next meeting's agenda.

Eric Printz wants discussion regarding the Teen Survey on the agenda for the next meeting.

Alderman David Ament requested that reports about each member's attendance be given to the alderman who appointed him or her.

IV. Battle of the Bands Follow-Up (Czubkowski)

The Battle of the Bands was a great success, and the Mayor thanked Board members for orchestrating it.

El Bodahart lent their drum set to the YAB for usage throughout the event, and it took a beating. The Board will buy them a new one.

The YAB T-shirts are ready for pick-up, said Katie Chiovatero. As the new Treasurer, Eric Printz will see that they are paid for.

V. New Business

Should the Board decide to keep structured committees, the organization of a Youth Board Association would be an ideal task for the Youth Opportunities committee, the Mayor said.

Eric Printz inquired about the two missing frofing baskets at Valley View Park. The City has purchased two new ones.

Mike Moths wants the Board to keep open the idea of a skate park in New Berlin.

VI. Adjourn

A. Paul Gallagher explained how, regardless of whether or not the Board decides to change the date of meetings from the 3rd Tuesday of each month, a consistent pattern must still be maintained.

B. Board members were reminded to bring their calendars to each meeting henceforth.

C. Eric Schmidt moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 PM. Kristin Czubkowski seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The next official meeting will be held on August 19th, in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Schmidt