

BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2010

Present: Maureen Bartolotta, Rachel Berkowitz, Bernie Farrell, Cindy McInroy, Jon Oleson, Tom Ringdal, Ishan Sahu, Calla Sullivan, Shea Sullivan, Flora Tsukayama, Julie Zamora

BUSINESS REPORTS

Secretary (Cindy Mc): September meeting minutes approved (Motion RB, second FT)

Treasurer (Brad R): Brad unable to attend meeting, no updated report sent

Chair (Tom R): Information and updates imbedded throughout following minutes.

UPDATES

Website: (Ishan S): BUY representatives now able to post pictures to the website by going to the photos link and following prompts to set up your own login and password. Ish has set up site so that as clear as possible for whomever takes over as webmaster in a few years.

- BUY member login: Contact Tom or Ish for the case sensitive login and password to have access to this part of the site. Will develop in the future for what is posted here
-Tom suggested looking at the elementary neighborhood school boundaries committee link on the school district website for ideas as to how to organize the members only area

Box City 2011 (Rachel B): new staff advisor is Erick Abrahamson. Committee in process of filing for grants. Will post photos from last year's event on the BUY website (if someone clicks on photos link under Box City they will be redirected to main photo page so that see pictures of other BUY events in addition to Box City ("point of sale marketing"). Box City 2011 will be held either May 13th or May 27th

Job Fair 2011 (Rachel B): Dwight Geisler will be the adult co-chair

BEC-TV (Tom R): almost contracted for video coverage of President Obama's 10/23 twin cities visit (via coordinated work with Urban Communications, Inc). BEC alumnus is in charge of the company that provided the large video screens for the event.

- Investigating possible Pepsi Refresh grant if possible to co-write it with BUY because applicant needs to be a 503(c)b nonprofit. Discussion held at meeting about options and if possible for Box City and Central Grounds to also submit applications, or if best to apply as one BUY entity. Tom R. will investigate further and report back.

Tri-City Partners (Julie Z): Chemical Health Week to be held in all the schools week of Nov. 15-19th. Soccer PSAs will be shown to all middle and high school students, and recommended for 4th and 5th grades. Schools chose to show all 3 in a series across days with the alternate endings. Posters to be produced for putting up in the schools to go along with the PSAs.

*suggestion that posters be printed to give to other public sites for hanging (e.g. library)

Also sponsoring free, one day Chemical Health and Violence Prevention workshop during that week. Contact Julie Z or go to TriCity Partners website if interested in attending. Morning speakers are on topics related to gang activity in Bloomington, afternoon speaker from Cornerstone on Mean Girls.

Bloomington Youth Action Crew (YAC) (Bernie F): Oxboro library mural panel is now permanently housed at the library. Free standing panel in the lobby so YAC members painted Bloomington “youth friendly” map on the back side.

Central Grounds: Tom R, Rachel B, Mary A, Maureen B, and Cindy Mc to meet Thurs. 10/28 with Lorinda P and Sean O from the city to go over questions and clarification of some areas of the draft contract for the site.

Other insurance broker (Drew) waiting for quote from a company that typically gives the lowest quotes for non-profits (he has been communicating with 3 other companies as well). Cindy Mc will contact him to see if he can give a ballpark figure for coverage so can have info for meeting with city.

Tom R has not heard further from the consultant attorney about his overview of the contract, so assuming he saw no glaring changes needed. Received a letter from him stating that any further services specific to contracture would be on a fee-for-service basis.

Did not get awarded one of the Bloomington Crime Prevention Association grants☺

-Question raised if Brad Riebel has the original paper documentation of non-profit status (Cindy Mc remarked that she got an electronic version of the e-card filed for the status notification to the state this past spring)

OLD BUSINESS

Feedback asked for on Oasis for Youth purpose/mission and if others concerned with crossover of planned activities and current operation as more of a teen “hang out” place according to the calendar passed out at the last meeting. Those in attendance concurred that when Central Grounds opens there will need to be close communication with Oasis staff in pre-planning the schedule at both sites so complementary and not competitive until the point where Oasis can be primarily for its intended goal of providing resources to homeless youth.

Flora reported that there was a good turnout of students from Kennedy, Jefferson, Edina and Hopkins for the feedback meeting that Oasis held. Currently not enough volunteers to provide all of the things recommended by the students.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Business Meeting

Reviewed suggested changes to Bloomington United for Youth Bylaws. New Bylaws approved by quorum of Board members present at meeting (FT motion, MB second).

Cindy Mc will forward approved version to Ish for posting to website.
Not discussed were changes to Board structure for slots to general member/organization representation titles rather than specific people, nor voting by proxy – will address at next year’s annual meeting if felt necessary

Board membership was voted on and approved at the September meeting.

Officers for the 2010-2011 year were voted on at the June meeting to make it possible for Rachel to begin acting as student co-chair for work on Central Grounds initiative.

Calendar of meetings and tentative date for Volunteer Recognition event were also approved at June meeting. Cindy Mc sent Kari H email asking for confirmation of council chambers and rehearsal hall for tentative date (one of the city commissions had not scheduled their meetings past December when the “soft hold” was placed on the date for the rooms’ use by BUY).

SEED for Youth (Flora T): sponsoring a substance abuse seminar for youth, Oak Grove Middle 11/1, 5:00-8:00 pm. Will have youth speakers who are recovering from chemical addiction, in addition to Julie Z speaking. SEED for Youth is open to all high school youth and sponsors a 3 hour seminar each month.

FT moved to adjourn, 2nd BF – ; meeting adjourned 4:25 pm
Respectfully submitted by Cindy McInroy, BUY Secretary

Next Meeting: Tues., Nov. 23rd, 3:00 pm McLeod room, Bloomington Civic Plaza