

BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2010

Present: Mary Allen, Maureen Bartolotta, Rachel Berkowitz, Fran Carr, Amanda Crombie, Paul Fourniea, Cindy McInroy, Denise Reese, Tom Ringdal, Flora Tsukayama, Monica Williams, Julie Zamora

BUSINESS REPORTS

Secretary (Cindy Mc): August meeting minutes approved with corrections to initials for approval and second of minutes, as well as information in YAC and TriCity Partners sections. Revisions reflected in approved minutes PDF forwarded for posting on BUY website. (Motion MB, second MA)

Treasurer (Brad R): Brad unable to attend meeting but forwarded printed report
BUY Checking Account = \$18,826.71
Box City Funds in BUY account = \$5,017.84
CD matures /10 (Bloomington Youth Coffeehouse) = \$10,447.65
Total BUY Funds (Checking + CD minus Box City) = \$24,256.52

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

UPDATES

Website: Ishan Sahu unable to attend meeting so Tom R gave report. Both have worked together to develop a better process for updating website. Have a Google tracking document for process to post/review content and know when tasks are completed. Need to direct focus at increasing information on Facebook page because few hits in comparison to other similar pages

Box City 2011 (Rachel B): Have organized the leadership team (4 seniors and 4 juniors). Meeting every 2 weeks because need to start earlier on grant and donation requests. Weighing the pros and cons of last year's event to make changes as needed.

Job Fair 2011 (Rachel B): Waiting to hear from Dwight Geisler as to amount of involvement he will be able to give since he is the new Daymakers Rotary president. Mary A. will contact him to clarify who will be the primary contact from that organization for this year's job fair.

BEC-TV (Paul F): Football season started so providing live audio on Channel 15 during the games, with replays of game airing at midnight on BEC-TV.
Likely change in policy of broadcasting activities live because support of both high school's activity directors to increase live broadcast options (to this point policy has been only allow those things public highly unlikely to view).
Recruited around 25 new middle school students to the volunteer staff so currently orienting them
Annual "Tech Appreciation Day" held at Taylors Falls for all staff

New production truck (current truck is 15 years old)! Received district funding for purchase of lightly used former Comcast truck. BEC-TV staff in process of customizing to their needs and moving equipment over from the old truck. District garage does all maintenance on BEC-TV vehicles.

Tri-City Partners (Denise R): Introduce Julie Zamora, new Youth Health Promotion Specialist at Bloomington Public Health. Julie will be the TCP representative to BUY.

Denise has moved into position as Safe & Drug-Free Schools coordinator (through public health)

Bloomington Youth Action Crew (YAC) (Denise R): Caroline Anderson at public health is new main connection to YAC. She will be added to the “interested parties” mailings for the meeting invitations.

BEC-TV produced a 30 second PSA with goals and alcohol use choices message via a soccer theme. Text will be added to the video over the next few weeks. Hope to air in the middle and high schools during Chemical Health Week (11/14-11/18), as well as will have posters that go with the PSA posted around the schools.

Developing a brochure from the Circle of Support event to distribute to specific adults in the community to spread message from youth about need for caring adults

Student artists that produced the Oxboro library section of the county libraries mural installation will be painting the YAC Bloomington map on the back of the Oxboro section. Suggestion to add Central Grounds and Oasis for Youth points to the painting.

Central Grounds (Tom R, Rachel B, Cindy Mc): Tom and Cindy met recently with one insurance representative to go over proposed Central Grounds and Officers & Directors insurance policies. Officers & Directors premium is \$900 annually. Central Grounds premium with required coverage and limits as set in the draft contract with the city is \$1500 annually – if add on sexual harassment/assault liability rider increases to \$3000 annually. BUY/Central Grounds is subject to minimum premiums because we are a small organization but must pay the premiums that sometimes cover larger groups. Also because high number of youth in organization the sexual liability coverage is high.

Cindy Mc will contact other agent that applications filed with to see if quotes ready soon so can have objective comparison

Discussed if having background checks would be sufficient to help with covering some of the liability in sexual harassment/assault awareness (in combination with policies on recognition of abuse, referral resources, mandated reporting, etc in a volunteer training and handbook).

- If volunteers have had a background check completed through Volunteer Connection BUY can use those
- Need to find means of getting background checks completed for other volunteers
- Tom R will check with Lorinda P to see how background checks are completed for volunteers in city programs

- Monica Williams reported that Oasis for Youth has their volunteers pay the \$8.00 the check costs. She will find out where they have theirs completed through.

Cindy Mc will check with Cary Weatherby (Companies to Classrooms) to see where her nonprofit insurance is provided through and at what coverage and premiums.

Tom R setting up meeting with Jim Kretch, consultant attorney referred through the Rotary, to get feedback on draft contract.

Tom R and Rachel B to schedule a meeting with Lorinda Pearson within the next month for clarification on some of the draft contract points

OLD BUSINESS

Oxboro Library mural panel: “Through Our Eyes: Bloomington as Seen by Teen Artists” **Saturday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m.** Bloomington teen artists contributed their voices, vision and concerns to create a mural representing their community. Meet the artists and view their mural, one of four created for different communities in Hennepin County.

BUY Roster approval: Revised roster with BUY Board of Directors (voting), BUY Representatives (nonvoting), Honorary Members (nonvoting), and Interested Parties (nonvoting).

Board of Directors list approved by vote from quorum of previous Board members in attendance at today’s meeting (motion MB, second RB).

Noted that need to add a new representative(s) from the Bloomington police department. Cindy Mc will contact Don Rix (former rep) for suggestions.

Also need to recruit student representatives from the middle schools

Discussion if Board spots should be comprised of area or organization that someone represents rather than individuals names (so people could share a spot and therefore the representative vote).

Other option is to change by laws to reflect option of proxy votes

Also need to discuss changing voting requirement from quorum to a specific minimum number of Director votes in order to pass a motion

Draft of by law revisions was attached to this month’s meeting notice. Directors and representatives to review before next month’s meeting – vote will be taken then to approve after any other discussed changes. October is the designated month of the annual business meeting in the current by laws.

NEW BUSINESS

Oasis for Youth (Monica Williams): In October will start activities throughout the week for all youth. Fun Fridays with movies, open mic, foosball, etc. Homework tutoring 2 nights a week. Thurs discussions on time balancing, resume writing, healthy relationships. Will have a monthly birthday party day. Focusing on getting youth from all

over the community in general in the door so that those who are homeless will feel less stigmatized and willing to accept services at Oasis available to them.

Requested BUY members help with identifying at least 2 students from each high school to come for a visit to the facility and look at the website to provide feedback to the staff there. Denise R will contact Carolyn Anderson about possibly having the YAC meeting held at Oasis that week.

Future discussion: If what Oasis has created is successful is it an indicator of what Central Grounds can be? How can Oasis and CG cooperatively plan events and support each other so youth have nightly activities throughout the week possible. Politically can foster each other's support so if a larger community center is ever in the future of Bloomington a positive teen center experience can be included in the planning of it.

Chemical Health and Violence Prevention Workshop (Denise R): Workshop changed from 2 days in the fall to 1 in fall focusing on violence prevention and 1 in spring focusing on chemical health (including results of most recent Minnesota Survey). Free workshop scheduled for full day November 16th at Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church. Morning presentations on gang related topics and afternoon speaker (Barton Erickson of Cornerstone) on mean girls.

Prodigy Awards: Bernie Ferrell and her staff are the recipients of a 2010 Prodigy Award for their Family Homework Connection program.

MB moved to adjourn, 2nd – DR; meeting adjourned 4:55 pm
Respectfully submitted by Cindy McInroy, BUY Secretary

Next Meeting (Annual Business Meeting): Tues., October 26, 3:00 pm McLeod room, Bloomington Civic Plaza