

BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2010

Members Present: Maureen Bartolotta, Rachel Berkowitz, Bernie Ferrell, Paul Fourniea, Kari Hemp, Cindy McInroy, Jon Oleson, Denise Reese, Brad Riebel, Tom Ringdal, Ishan Sahu, Calla Sullivan, Shea Sullivan, Flora Tsukayama
RSVPd not attending: Mary Allen, David Allen, Fran Carr, Pam Fourniea

Introductions and Welcome

BUSINESS REPORTS

Secretary: April 2010 meeting minutes approved (Jon O motion, Ishan S second)

Treasurer: (Brad Riebel)

Checking = \$19,260.23 (\$5,574.73 of which are Box City funds)

CD (for Bloomington Youth Coffeehouse) = \$10,334.91

BUY Balance (less Box City money) = \$24,020.41

Related to Box City 2010: No checks have been written yet for the cost of t-shirts or the Capital Security. Otherwise all expenses have been paid. Still need to deposit box recycling money and money collected at registration on the night of the event.

Treasurer noted that this year's event at this point cost more than money that was brought in, so future planning committees need to be aware of estimating numbers attending and adjusting food purchases, entertainment, or other costs accordingly.

Chair: (Tom Ringdal)

Follow up on April meeting discussion related to Susan Campion coordinating with BUY related to her Master's thesis – Board representatives met recently with Susan and too difficult to make her thesis goals match with BUY's capacity and goals. Susan still willing to be contact or available for feedback or support in any way she can offer.

Tom submitted funds request to Daymakers Rotary (on David A's recommendation) – specifically to help with liability insurance coverage needed at Central Grounds. If money left at end of this fiscal year (June 30th) possibly some funds available (not more than \$250.00 if any). But definitely a consideration for next fiscal year (begins July 1, 2010).

Planning BUY annual business meeting be held at the June 22nd BUY meeting. Different from regular meeting in that will review by-laws, board composition, officer elections.

OLD BUSINESS

BUY Volunteer Recognition Event

Selection committee chose 1 individual youth from each high school – Rachel Berkowitz (TJ) and Zach Bury (JFK), 1 individual youth from middle school – Joseph Fisher (OGM), 1 youth organization – Jefferson Student Council, and 1 adult organization serving youth – Las Charlas. Multiple nominations were received in each category, but still hope to have more to choose from next year. Need to review if need to add an individual adult category (one nomination in that area this year that did not fit the current nomination criteria).

Also need to decide if going to do earlier in the year next year so space is reserved and it is put

on the calendar early.

Box City 2010 (Rachel B)

COLD weather. Large number of kids –50 from Kennedy, 30 from Jefferson and Rosemount had large turn out (around 30 students).

Kelly Strawman found new place for recycling boxes – paid for recycling so made \$70.00! At Diversity Day Flora had little boxes out to collect donations – collected \$130.00. Final funds raised will be reported at May meeting.

Music by “King and the Thief” – not having music later was okay since people largely wanted to stay in boxes for warmth.

BloomingtonYouth.org (Ishan S)

Checked to see if archive available for information removed from the site – yes, can access anything that is removed.

Need to have links for Box City Facebook page and Job Fair blog on BUY page

Will update site after BUY Volunteer Recognition Event with pictures of honorees and award bios.

Job Fair 2010

Rachel B. knows of new businesses opening in Bloomington that would be good to contact this fall-winter to get involved in next year’s fair.

Bernie F. would like to get posters to put up at the library because kids coming in recently asking about job opportunities.

Global Unity Project-SuburbaPalooza (Tom R shared Jacob Sandry email)

200-250 students in attendance throughout the night. Gross profit around \$1500.

Goals were to:

A) raise money for the Solar Cooker Project, a grassroots group in Malawi that helps people get solar cookers and trains them to use them.

B) Educate students: built a solar cooker at the event, had a woman born in Malawi and currently living in Hopkins speak, information booths about GUP and other groups including: Think Pink Kids, Wayzata Students Bridging the Ocean, and Eden Prairie’s Habitat for Humanity.

There were six musical groups from Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Apple Valley, and Wayzata.

C) Advocate: working on an advocacy campaign to spread the knowledge of global poverty and ask state representatives to focus on it. Half the world lives on less than \$2 a day so people signed fake dollar bills and at the end of the year going to bundle them up and mail them to a Senator/ Representative (we haven’t chosen whom yet).

BEC-TV (Tom R)

Prom red carpet coverage went well. Added live broadcast this year, and because worked out investigating broadcasting graduation ceremonies from Minneapolis Convention Center live.

Coverage of State High School baseball finals in process with Channel 45 and MSHL (deciding if will do live broadcasts). Channel 45 wants to do a piece about BEC-TV to promote who they

are and what they do. Tom recently met with metro sports producers and all in awe for taking on the task because baseball is the hardest sport to broadcast.

Youth Action Crew (YAC): (Denise R)

Table and box at Jefferson Diversity day collecting advice to give incoming 9th graders. YAC organized responses into 5 themes which will be presenting to the 8th grade health classes Friday, May 28th at OGM.

Delivering posters to the sites on the map. Creating more information related to what it means to be a youth friendly business and how to become youth friendly.

All middle school students received a map; next year all teachers will receive one to post in their classroom.

Students really wanting to work on PSAs so will coordinate with Tom R for possible production this summer.

Project is funded through McKnight grant that goes through December 2010.

Richfield has continued the YAC group through a community ed staff coordinator and funding through the Richfield Community Ed department.

No plans to redo the map as more businesses are identified as youth friendly. However survey that was conducted last spring will be conducted again before the grant expires to see if the project has made a difference in youth perceptions.

Suggestion that Denise contact Amanda C. in her new role as youth liaison to Dept of Human Services in the city to get possible support for continuance of YAC through them (Lorinda P. director of that department has been doing much that is youth oriented recently).

Tom made the point that BUY wants to be involved in supporting any YAC initiatives in the future.

Central Grounds: A Teen Zone

Tom R, David A, Mary A, Rachel B, Charlie K, Lorinda P, Sean O met May 6th

Totally new option for space use at Creekside presented: Will knock out the wall of a small meeting room and merge with room next door and totally scrap using the library. Technically room has 35 people extreme max capacity (600 square feet – compared to 1500 square foot library). Use it as a home base with option for teens to use other areas of Creekside (e.g. TV in other room, larger meeting needs can be in library). Construction schedule being set up with projected open date still early September.

Will be having a meeting closer to when school gets out for the summer to decide next step. Need to rectify insurance issue

Food permit also needs to be clarified – what level of permit if any (would be selling prepackaged ready to eat foods if any). Negotiated dishwashing and kitchen use at the May 6th meeting. Family friend of Rachel's was originator of The Depot in Hopkins so can help with food preparation and purchase issues.

Background check process needs to be worked out because costs money to do them, and many people involved in CG have already had them done for another Bloomington School or community need.

Need a volunteer attorney (preferably versed in Central Grounds and BUY) to help with legal considerations related to facility use and liability insurance

- * Suggested meeting with Volunteer Connection coordinators.
- * Suggestion made that submit application to Bloomington Education Foundation for grant because available if supports Bloomington students in a number of schools and helps support developmental assets – Denise R offered to help complete the application
- * Suggested also to apply to Bloomington Crime Prevention for funding – Calla S.

NEW BUSINESS

none

Next Meeting June 22nd at 3:00 at Civic Center (note this will be the Annual Business Meeting of the BUY board)

Respectfully submitted – Cindy McInroy