

**Bloomington United for Youth**  
September 22, 2009 Board Meeting

Present: Maureen Bartolotta, David Allen, Sean O'Neil, Tom Ringdal, Mary Allen, Paul Fourniea, Pam Fourniea, Bernie Farrell, Rachel Berkowitz, Ishan Sahu, Tom Ringdahl, Flora Tsukayama

1. Approval of August 25, 2009 minutes: Approved

2. Box City: Rachel Berkowitz

The 2010 Box City Planning Committee has met twice so far. They are working on securing the date of the event. They are exploring a location for the event, but the plan for now is still the MN State Capitol. Please visit their site at [BCV09.blogspot.com](http://BCV09.blogspot.com)

3. Job Fair: Jon Oleson was not present, but so far, no date has been secured for the 2010 Job Fair.

4. Global Unity Project: No report

5. Tri-City Partners: Next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 24th from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. at St. Luke's. No report.

6. BEC-TV: Paul Fourniea presently works with the Kennedy High School's IMPACT program. For this school year, IMPACT program only has one show per quarter. In the previous school year, IMPACT was built into Kennedy's TV class which was shown weekly.

- Media programs at Kennedy are:

- KHS Update - a daily news program

- IMPACT - this was a weekly program which replaced TVT, but TVT may go back on air at Kennedy if IMPACT does not return as a weekly program.

7. Superintendent Fujitake contacted the SEARCH Institute's Peter Benson to ask if he will agree to present the "At 15" Initiative for Bloomington organizations and parents. Peter Benson is interested in working with Bloomington. Date, time, and place to be determined.

8. BloomingtonYouth.org - Ishan Sahu, BUY's Webmaster

Ishan added the following to the website: \* BUY updates & minutes \* Added Google Docs \* Added calendar with BUY meeting dates \* Any BUY Board member can log-in.

\* BUY website should have links to:

Box City • Bloomington Youth Action Crew • Bloomington Youth Coffee House & its history linking to its former site. • Tri City Partners • Bloomington Public Schools \* Hennepin County Library • Job Fair, and teen volunteer opportunity \* BAA \* City of Bloomington • Bloomington Day Maker Rotary • Bloomington Optimist Club \* First Call for Health • Cornerstone \* Suicide Prevention \*

- Motion was made to authorize expenditures up to \$100 per year to update website. Motion was approved.

#### 9. BUY's Priorities and Goals for 2009-2010 - Tom Ringdahl

- Coffeehouse at Creekside Community Center? Free rental!
- Coffeehouse for Youth needs a committee from BUY to work with Sean O'Neil from the City of Bloomington.
  - This opportunity provided by the City of Bloomington may be the first step for the Youth Coffeehouse in Bloomington. The partnership can be a positive step toward a future place for youth.
  - Youth and seniors can share the library space for just hanging out on comfortable couch and chairs.
  - The auditorium can be used for music events on Fridays.
  - Teens may be able to volunteer with Creekside's Loaves and Fishes Mondays - Fridays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
  - Creekside Community Center is open until 10:00 p.m. every day.
  - Teens are able to utilize the library room from 12:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
  - The library has Wi-Fi, large screen TV, Wii interactive video game.
  - Food is allowed in the library, one can order pizza, bring in food to eat, make popcorn. Anybody can use the refrigerator and micro-wave oven in the room.
  - There is an industrial size coffeemaker available for use.
  - How can BUY involve youth to promote the Youth Coffeehouse possibility at Creekside.
- \* Age group will be high school youth with school I.D.
- \* Slogan "Creekside is NO longer just for Grandma"
- \* Promote and plan a Coffeehouse EVENT with music at Creekside
- \* Call it "Taste of Central Grounds at Creekside"
- \* Showcase a music group or individuals - a Variety Show
- \* When will be a good time for the "Taste of Central Grounds" event? Fridays after the football and before basketball season

- \* Rachel Berkowitz suggested a Simulation on Facebook.
- \* Simulated Coffeehouse scene with cut out musicians, cut out food and drinks
- \* We can test the concept if youth visiting the site indicate interest or not.
- \* BUY will set up the concept of “Central Grounds” at Creekside for a test youth group (Rachel, Ishan, Paul, and other youth).
- \* Rachel will put together a youth group made up of 8 from Kennedy and 8 from Jefferson High Schools. This test youth group will hopefully provide us with ideas and information on “Central Grounds at Creekside”.
- \* Next BUY meeting is on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 3:00 p.m.