

**BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 24, 2009**

**Members Present:** Mary Allen, Maureen Bartolotta, Cindy McInroy, Jon Oleson, Denise Reese, Tom Ringdal, Flora Tsukayama, Courtney Gallagher, Justin Haugesag

**UPDATES**

Box City 2009: May 8<sup>th</sup> to morning of May 9<sup>th</sup> [BCV09.blogspot.com](http://BCV09.blogspot.com)

Online registration open soon, currently host site is Normandale Hills Methodist but possible it could be changed to through BEC-TV (Tom will talk to about setting up).

Not making any donations to the Coalition this year because most of the money goes to lobbying and information that the Coalition is currently not financially sound and may become insolvent. BoxCity chairs instead have decided to give funds directly to shelters (Avenues, Youth Link, The Bridge).

Considering only getting one security officer from the state because very expensive. Suggestion to ask for adult volunteers as “security” from the Coalition or from the Bloomington Fraternal Order of Police.

Will be making 500 hygiene packets with shampoo, conditioner, soap (from local hotel donations), toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss (from dentist donations), hand wipes, combs. Suggested to contact LifeTouch for combs, Deb Belfry for local hotel contacts and maybe Famous Daves for hand wipes. Planning to divide between shelters and to hand out at the Minneapolis convention center youth homeless help day.

Applied for a Waste Management grant for truck costs to pick up recycle cardboard. Have a Budget rental truck on hold just in case.

BTown Brass to perform. Hired a DJ from 9pm – 2am.

Trying to get word out to other high schools. Denise will tell Richfield, Tom will get info to Armstrong-Cooper, Kelly to be contact at Holy Angels.

Job Fair 2009: March 28<sup>th</sup>

5 businesses committed so far. Invitations through emails and letters to 160 Bloomington businesses (list from Normandale College job fair). Target of 20 employers and 10 nonprofits to participate.

Partnership with “Global Unity Project”:

Hunger Banquet at JHS 3/27, 6:00- 8:00 pm in lunchroom. People will get food in proportion to world hunger (of 100 people 3 will get a full meal, portion will represent the middle class and get beans and rice, and largest portion will represent the lower class and get only 1 cup of rice for their meal). 2 speakers at the event. JHS Amnesty International and the District Diversity Advisory Committee sponsoring.

Recommended that Box City have a table at the event to register students. Also recommended that there be a table at Jefferson Diversity Day to collect registrations.

### **BUSINESS REPORTS**

Treasurer: No change from January

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Future of BUY. Mary's last day as chairperson will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. What is role of chair person, need a job description. Ideas for possible people to invite. Tom Ringdal will act as interim chair while other possibilities are considered.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Grant Proposals: McKnight Foundation toured/made a site visit to consider funding a Youth Action Crew in Bloomington. Similar to job of the Richfield YAC mentor but a smaller scale. Would hire youth to work on YAC from JHS, KHS, and OGM.

Richfield YAC on Phase 4. Produced a video "See Us, Hear Us, Engage Us" and held a networking event between YAC members and organizations that serve youth last week.

Jefferson Parent Forum 2/26 6:30-7:30 pm "Teen Alcohol and Drug Use". Information on Minnesota survey results and how Jefferson compares to state. What parents can do to prevent and respond to teen use of drugs and alcohol.

Next Meeting March 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at Civic Center