

**BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2008**

**Members Present:** Mary Allen, Cindy McInroy, Eileen O'Connell, Jon Olson, Don Rix, Brad Riebel, Michael Riebel, Flora Tsukayama

**UPDATES**

Box City 2009: Need reps from both high schools for ongoing planning of future Box City events. Gathering feedback from youth at both schools.

Related event that encouraging people to attend – speaker, Kathy Tenbrock, from the Office to End Homelessness –at St. Stephen's church 9/14

Also hoping to coordinate planning and support with “Heading Home Hennepin” a 10-year plan designed to end homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County by the year 2016. Developed by business, civic and faith leaders, with input from homeless and formerly homeless individuals.

Job Fair 2009: Members of Daymakers Rotary met with JHS and KHS career center staff for ideas on how to coordinate job fairs they have with BUY's. Businesses remarked they would like Job Fair earlier than last year's. Consideration of 2 per year possibly in the future. Will need the extra hall and cafeteria if there are more businesses or kids this year.

Tomorrow's Voices Today (TVT): on hiatus. Kennedy starting new in house television program “IMPACT” similar to Jefferson's “Jaguar Spots” as a for credit class, so since both schools will be covering Bloomington stories of interest TVT may be changing its programming focus.

**BUSINESS REPORTS**

Treasurer: unchanged from last report

Minutes: No meeting in August so none to approve

**OLD BUSINESS**

New Board members: Adam Degonda and Latrice Brua

Michael Mann presenting on David Walsh book “Why Do They Act That Way”.  
10/23/08 at Oak Grove Middle School. No registration required. Free.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Possible partnership with “The Africa Project” lead by Adam Degonda and Jake Sandry – planning some form of fundraising event for awareness of situations in Africa (will have more specific focus as project developed).

-idea to connect with Fraternal Order of Police was suggested, but Don Rix reported that the order is still somewhat disorganized and currently working at getting membership excited about community involvement. They will be working at concessions for fundraising for themselves (\$1300 per game hoping to make).

Bloomington Public Health got the federal SAMHSA grant. \$125,000 per year for 5 years. To be used as focus on decreased underage alcohol and drug use.

Other grant options mentioned by Eileen O'Connell to be considered by BUY for applying for:

Deluxe Corp. Foundation – to support programs investing in youth. Requires a Letter of Inquiry be submitted (what proposed, what wanted) then they will say if they want a full grant proposal. If Mary gets BUY history and purpose to Eileen she will put together a Letter of Inquiry with focus of funds for Job Fair and Box City.

Best Buy Children's Foundation – usually technology linked money. ? Possibly apply for webmaster position, establishing a website?

Discussion of 2008-2009 direction for BUY:

- explore new partnership with JagCorps. Invite members or staff leads to BUY meeting
- possibility of information and education about social host laws. Check if Safehouse.org is still in place for schools

Next Meeting October 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at Civic Center