

BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2011

Present: Erik Abramson, Rachel Berkowitz, Marilyn Donoho, Paul Fourniea, Pearl Hunt-McCain, Cindy McInroy, Denise Reese, Tom Ringdal, Flora Tsukayama
Guest: Kerry Stone, Bloomington Department of Human Services

BUSINESS REPORTS

Secretary (Cindy Mc): April 2011 minutes approved (RB motion, PH second)

Treasurer (Brad R via email):

BUY Checking Account balance = \$18,843.91 (\$5017.84 Box City)

CD (from Bloomington Youth Coffeehouse) = \$10,447.65

Total BUY assets after Box City subtracted = \$24,273.72

Brad clarified that in July 2009 \$10,000 was moved from the CD to the checking account so that there would be liquid money available for any Central Grounds expenses. CD is a 19-month CD at 1.15% interest. Checking account makes 0.2% interest monthly.

\$2600 Ed Foundation Grant for Central Grounds deposited in January.

Expenses for CG paid out January to date:

- Kirsten B. - \$709.19 paint, furniture, supplies, etc.
- Berry Coffee Co - \$222.51 coffee brewer, carafe, coffee
- Secura Insurance - \$1428.00 (Central Grounds coverage from CG funds; and BUY

Directors and Officers from BUY general funds)

- Rent - \$1.00

BUY expenses paid out January to date:

- \$99.80 – Tom R for Volunteer Recognition plaques
- \$76.76 - Calla S for Volunteer Recognition hospitality
- \$69.35 – Tom R for Website Builder

UPDATES

Central Grounds:

3 students taking over – Brennan Carberry (KHS), Lauren Crew (JHS), Brooke H (JHS)
Summer event tentatively hoped for in June: Shonn Schnitzer (JHS Dean) playing music as an individual "jam session"

Working toward sustainability in the fall services:

-SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) program was going to be cut, but school district approved funding for being done at CG. Office of Educational Equity runs the program (Flora T. coordinates). Tuesdays 5-8 pm October through May. Varying size group (15-25) based on topic. Will eat in Minnesota Valley Room across hall from CG.

- Young Life group approached Rachel about the CG space when don't have a house to meet in so Rachel invited rep to BUY.

Laurie Masanz - public health communications person will put a piece in the TriCity Partners e-update if someone sends her the article. Also willing to design the sign when

we get logo to her.

Grand opening planned for summer

Background checks update – no further background checks have cleared. Not sure of where those are that were submitted direct to state with money.

BloomingtonYouth.org (Ishan S):

No meeting with TST yet - didn't hear back from Libby, Danny Hill, Tom R. and Ishan finding time to meet together

Ishan will set up the dibs session for adult volunteers to be able to sign up for event times and CG supervision coverage

Volunteers need to set up account then can sign in to dibs

Old BUY site: updated blog with videos on how to get new site to come in if computer has stored cache and old site come up buysiteupdate.blogspot.com or email Ishan if you need help

Officers can log into Gmail with BUY account information and change to mail forward so get emails from anyone clicking on links at BUY to mailbox you want to read them in Added Ed Foundation grant support notice to home page. Will move to CG page and leave there a year until next year's grants given out

Box City 2011 (Rachel B):

Biggest plan to cut expenses this year so able to make bigger donations, (cut \$1000)

Speaker from Oasis (Bev Bliss) – spoke 5 years ago at Box City when Oasis was just an initial plan

Structured schedule starting speaker, musicians (Chris Koza and one other), 2 high school bands, and ending with YRUUp live broadcast

Costs: t shirts, snacks, pizza and biffs

Keeping recipient of donations collected a secret until announced that night at the event
Volunteers are set

Posters for event designed and donated from Jefferson parent

Job Fair 2011: no updates

BEC-TV (Paul F):

BEC staying at Valley View Middle – temporary move out for 2 months for re-wiring

New truck - working on getting finishing touches for use during state baseball tournament broadcast

Prom red carpet - broadcast from inside International Market Square because of weather. Worked so well looking at doing there always.

Box City broadcast will be first live from outside Bloomington in 20 yr history of BEC-TV

MSHSL e newsletter: large article on training to other schools through the Channel 45 and Grand Stadium partnership.

Channel 5 had a spot about prom's that was shot at Bloomington's prom and Paul F. is in the background working a camera!

Tri-City Partners/ Bloomington Youth Action Crew (YAC) (Denise R):

Edina produced a PSA about social hosting - submitted for Emmy. Looking to redo with a Latina family and voice over in Spanish

Grandma Approved PSA:

- aired at JHS, never got to Paul F for KHS airing (Denise gave copy of at mtg and will air it tomorrow).

- going to get feedback evaluations

- will give out to the middle schools to air by end of year

- big air promotion in the fall

- Tom's mom and son are actors because YAC wanted kids from outside

Bloomington (so those watching aren't distracted from message by watching kids they recognize)

- Will put You Tube link on BUY web page

Oasis for Youth:

Still dealing with insurance issues at the Christ the King site. Oak Grove Presbyterian has stepped forward to start overnight emergency shelter there, falls within mission committee

When get own 501(c)3 status will be able to do things differently

Need 3 XL shirts and 40 x 34 jeans

Summer hours will be Mon & Weds 2:30-6:00; Tues & Thurs 2:30-5:00; closed Fridays because church closed Fridays

Partnering with Avenues and Teens Alone doing host home program training in June, see web if interested. Kids stay 3 months to a year in the host home. Try to have some kids live where they can stay in their high schools

NEW BUSINESS

Kerry Stone – Human Resources at Creekside

5 planters at Creekside: usually planted by youth volunteers (2-3 kids) in cooperation with senior citizens. Wondering if Central Grounds students would be interested in doing this year. Home Depot donates plants. Takes about 1½ hours to do. Martin Luther Manor Adult Day Program will help with planter by the entry to their space. Kerry will arrange getting plants when time is available.

Possibly day next month because kids gathering to do mural. Rachel B. will figure out best date for kids and let Kerry know.

Next Meeting June 28th at 3:00 in the McLeod Conference room, Bloomington Civic Plaza

Respectfully submitted by Cindy McInroy, BUY Secretary