

**BLOOMINGTON UNITED FOR YOUTH**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 25, 2011**

**Present:** Erik Abramson, Maureen Bartolotta, Lauren Crew, Paul Fourniea, Cindy McInroy, Madeline Murdock, Tom Ringdal, Brad Riebel, Flora Tsukayama, Julie Zamora

**REMINDER:** The next BUY meeting is a combined November/December meeting, so rather than being held the 4th Tuesday in November it will be on the first Tuesday in December, **December 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**BUSINESS REPORTS**

Secretary (Cindy Mc): September 2011 minutes approved (MB motion, LC second)

Treasurer (Brad R):

BUY Checking Account balance = \$18,377.42 (\$4549.60 of which is for Box City)

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

Total BUY assets after Box City subtracted = \$24,275.47

No expenses paid out and interest of \$2.26 only deposit since last BUY meeting.

Brad R completing application for sales tax exempt status now that making purchases for Central Grounds, Box City, etc. on a consistent basis.

**UPDATES**

[BloomingtonYouth.org](http://BloomingtonYouth.org)

Ishan has been working on web updates including adding the Human Trafficking forum flyer, Central Grounds grant information and grandma PSA front and center. Tom R noted that the PSA needs a media tab or if there is one a link straight to it and will contact Ishan about this. NEED dibs session soon to coordinate adult volunteer supervisors at Central Grounds. Maureen B, Tom R and Ishan will communicate on this. Possibility of having TST media person do inservice to some of the consistent BUY adults so know how to do this when Ishan has moved on away from BUY.

Tri-City Partners:

Julie Z reported that a 9/28 strategic planning meeting was held. Broke out by communities into groups to complete a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) to the organization and its goals. Good cross representation of groups involved in the communities (schools, city government and police departments, non-profit organizations, faith community). Will be doing follow up meetings with each community to go over opportunities.

Reapplying for grants right now - money was the universal weakness listed by all communities, people are the strength.

New member orientation to be held McLeod Room at Bloomington Civic Plaza, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Looking for steering committee members to help plan, or at-large members to just attend meetings and participate in activities.

Noted that on Tri-City Partners home page BUY link is to old BUY website or pdf of old web page. Cindy Mc will contact Laurie Masanz to make this correction to the new BUY home page.

### BEC-TV:

Paul F reported busy with fall sports (soccer, volleyball, football) seasons winding down. Doing training this Thursday (10/27) at KSTC for students from high schools across the state to again broadcast (in coordination with GrandStadium.tv and Channel 45) the live webcast of the MSHSL state football semifinals and finals from Mall of America Field.

The experience of students is reported in a video on the home page of GrandStadium as well the most recent MSHSL bulletin at [www.mshsl.org/mshsl/news/BulletinWinter2011.pdf](http://www.mshsl.org/mshsl/news/BulletinWinter2011.pdf)

### Central Grounds:

Lauren C: Steady number of kids coming in, but don't usually stay full time (sometimes because Lauren has to leave to go to work and not another student volunteer to stay and lock up). Busy trying to get kids organized as volunteers – will give names to Ishan. Trained in new student volunteer (Gabrielle Miller, freshman at Jefferson) who can do Wednesdays a few times a month. Need to connect with Kennedy – Paul F sent email out to student contact name last month, not heard back.

Received grant money to cover the cost of a roll up full size sign. Being produced by Fast Signs in Bloomington. Cindy Mc showed draft to those in attendance and got feedback. Tagline “A Gathering Place for Youth by Youth” was agreed on. Will have inserted as well as (BUY) after Bloomington United for Youth spell out over social media logos, and then forward draft for final approval and production.

Tom R seeing very nice Oasis for Youth posters around schools. Now that have a graphic for roll out sign should convert to posters, money in CG budget to cover this production (especially because got grant to cover cost of sign). Cindy Mc will get costs and dimensions possible from FastSigns when pick up roll up sign.

### Box City Vigil 2012:

Madeline Murdock is Kennedy student chair for this year's event. Has gotten some interested students to start meeting and gone over past events' information. Brad R reviewed that money in the budget for Box City is to cover expenses of tent rental, food purchases, permit, security, t shirts, etc and fundraising done to be used to cover expenses as little as possible so larger donations (i.e. try to keep expenses in check). “Veteran” BUY board members available to help with decision making and clarification so student organizers should feel free to contact with questions.

(After meeting Flora T. confirmed that Arthur Harris will be the Jefferson student lead in planning Box City and he has a group of students also interested in helping)

### Faith Community:

Erick A reported that 120 preregistered for the Human Trafficking Forum to be held this Saturday (10/30). Focus throughout event will shift from different viewpoints (i.e. FBI, Homeland Security, Not For Sale organization, Breaking Free organization, spoken word by victims, etc.)

Erick also working on meeting with other youth ministers across Bloomington more regularly to decide things to cooperatively work on in/for the community. Tom R suggested consideration of

an "ad" on the BUY website as this group evolves.

Job Fair 2012: no update from Amanda Eisse, Ellen Berkowitz or Dwight Geissler

Oasis for Youth: no update

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Tom R has a middle school youth that is interested in being a part of BUY. Welcome Noah Cote from Oak Grove Middle!

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Slate of officers for 11-12 nominated (MB first, FT second)

Adult Chair: Tom Ringdal

Youth Chair: Paul Fourneia

Treasurer: Brad Riebel

Secretary: Cindy McInroy

Vote approving/electing all passed.

Review of Bylaws – no changes needed. Will remain in effect as written.

Reorganization of Roster: Draft presented by Cindy Mc. Sorted by representation and possible representative rather than only by names.

Determined voting “seats” on Board – by laws state that cannot have more youth than adult voting Board members.

Some seats will have part of Bloomington that represented by with names that can vote “by proxy” as representing that seat

Cindy Mc will make revisions and present roster at Nov/Dec meeting for approval

Schedule Annual BUY events:

Meeting schedule already set and room reserved for: Dec 6, Jan 24, Feb 28, Apr 24, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, Sept 25

Discussed options for Volunteer Recognition Event. Worked well to have it in February last year. Date options of Tues. February 7<sup>th</sup> or February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 suggested. Cindy Mc will email Amanda Crombie to check availability of City Council Chambers and lobby outside it on those dates, as well as superintendent Fujitake’s availability those dates. (Can’t do Feb 21<sup>st</sup> because there will be a school board meeting that night). After city elections are done will contact Mayor to see availability.

Box City and Job Fair committees will set dates for those events and report at the Nov/Dec meeting.

Meeting adjourned (MB first, PF second).

Next Meeting Dec 6th at 3:00 in the McLeod Conference room, Bloomington Civic Plaza  
Respectfully submitted by Cindy McInroy, BUY Secretary