



City of Arlington
Dottie Lynn Recreation Center
3200 Norwood
January 20, 2011
Commission Minutes

Attendance (38):

- Youth (31) – Blake Leveridge, Ryan Richbourg, Jeffrey Ruth, Grant Hansen, Kate Atwood, Caitlin McClintock, Berkley Pollard, Garrett Gardner, Kevin Roark, Sara Walker, David Do, Sandra Babers, Emily Landrith, Breanna nelson, Megan Broussard, Brittney Phillips, Lizzie Anderson, Colin Hellier, Joseph Kline, Rachel Jagielski, Kailey Balke, Megan Wilson, Courtney Wilson, Elizabeth Saenz, Misal Gonzalez, Eli Mathenia, Fraz Haseen, Anna McWhirter, Kendall Kindred, Lily Ngaruiya, Courtney Balke
- Adults (5) – Sherri Riney, Yvonne Falgout, Whitney Graham, James Smith, Jr., Jim Walthier
- Guests (2) – LaShauna Bold, Ray Bold (Carson Cares)

Excused youth (4): David Duque, Jonah Hutchison, Cassie Schirm, Tanner Zang

Meeting started at 6:07 p.m.

I. Call to Order

- a) Welcome new members

II. Reports of Officers, including staff, committees

- a) Vice President – nothing to report
- b) Parliamentarian – nothing to report
- c) Treasurer – current fund balance is \$2500. Sandra explained the planned coin-a-thon to raise funds. Each officer will have a bucket with their name on it. The officer who collects the most money over the next 3-4 months will get a pie in the face. Contributing members will be entered in a drawing to deliver the pie. The more times members bring money, the more times their name will be entered in the drawing.
- d) Secretary – nothing to report
- e) Entertainment and Game Coordinator – ice breaker for the evening is to tell your name, school, and what did you do over Christmas break.
- f) Staff Liaison – nothing to report

III. Minutes

Not reviewed

IV. Business

a) Global Youth Service Day (April 16, 9-11)

Yvonne explained that as a coalition leader, MYC has to partner with other groups for this event. She explained that Carson Cares, one of the groups interested in partnering with MYC, is a non-profit organization that teaches other kids to help each other. There is a web site (Carsoncares.org).

Carson's mother and father explained that Carson Cares has been a non-profit organization since 2007. The organization got started when Carson was 6 years old. He had a lemonade stand to raised money that he donated to charity. Carson Cares is connected with other groups that help with various projects throughout the year. The idea is to help people get started helping others.

The Girl Scouts and the Dottie Lynn After School group also want to partner with MYC for Global Youth Service Day. Whitney suggested doing a fitness literacy event, a fun run around the recreation center, and have demos for boot camp, yoga, zumba, etc., that could be set up in the park. People could get a punch card that could be marked at each event they participated in. Then they could put their cards in a drawing for a grand prize. MYC could run the race and help with some of the events.

Jim Walther noted that a ceremony for Global Youth Service Day will be held at the Levitt Pavilion at noon. Each group can nominate someone for youth leader of the year. If someone from MYC is selected as the leader, the group will give a grant. Also, there is a poster contest for all youth groups that enable them to earn grant funds. He noted that nominations will be accepted for an adult who has gone the extra mile working with youth. Six will be selected (3 for paid staff and 3 for volunteers). Winners will be able to designate a non-profit to receive grant funds.

He explained that if other groups want to join the coalition and do their own projects, their projects just need to relate to the coalition's theme. Pledges are due by 1/29/11.

The motion to approve this plans noted above was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

b) Chinese New Year Commitment

On February 5, from 10-11:30, there will be a Chinese New Year celebration at the Southeast Library. MYC has been asked to participate by putting on a puppet show based on the book Rabbit's Gift, or do a back drop and have people act out the story. Yvonne asked everyone to check their schedules and contact her if they are available to help.

c) Lock It In

Yvonne noted that letters have been sent to prospective speakers (e.g., Josh Hamilton, Rachel's Challenge). Yvonne has also applied for a grant. If MYC receives grant funding, there will be enough money to hire a speaker, do a leadership session for MYC and then have fun events for the rest of the evening.

UTA is interested in partnering with MYC for Lock It In again this year. The First Baptist Church youth group may also be interested. The goal is to get two more groups involved. Yvonne noted that the more teenagers who attend the event, the more people who can be reached by the message. The message this year is about being kind to each other and working against bullying. She asked members who are involved with a group that might be interested in partnering for the event to contact her.

Colin noted that we are considering a sub-committee for the Lock It In to help with the planning. There will be a sign up sheet for the subcommittee.

V. Break Out topic

none

VI. Anything Else?

Briefly discussed shadowing officers to learn about what they do for anyone interested in becoming an officer.

Yvonne notified the group the Jerry Cooper with the Alliance for Youth passed away today. She asked that Mr. Cooper's family and Alliance for Youth in be kept in their prayers.

VII. End of Meeting

a) Go to David's Musical!! January 27-29 at Arlington High, at 7:30

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meetings

Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting
February 3, 2011
6-7:30 p.m.
Dottie Lynn Recreation Center

Minutes Submitted By:
Lizzie Anderson
2010-11 MYC Secretary