

Evansville Youth Center

Regular Meeting

Youth Center, 209 S First St., Evansville, WI 53536

Monday, October 24th, 2022 5:30 pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:30pm

2. Roll Call

Members		Others Present
Butch Beedle	Present	Interim Director Angie Olsen
Alderson Ben Corridon	Present	
Andy Dewar	Present	
Kenneth Updike	Present	
Bill Lathrop	Present	
	Open Seat	
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3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda**, by Lathrop, seconded by Beedle, approved unanimously.

4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes** of the September 26th, 2022 meeting and approve as printed, by Beedle, seconded by Dewar, approved unanimously with minor correction.

5. **Civility reminder** - Corridon reminded the group to conduct civil discussion

6. **Citizen Appearances** – None

7. Unfinished Business

a. Volunteer Substitutes

Ms. Olsen brought up the need for substitute team members in cases where she or Ms. Arnold would need to be away.

The Board was generally in agreement with the request, though acknowledged that any volunteers would need to pass background checks.

Members expressed being comfortable with Ms. Olsen recruiting and vetting volunteers and providing any necessary training.

Members discussed whether the matter needed a motion and approval - though that step was thought unnecessary.

The discussion turned to offering volunteer opportunities to HS Seniors, either as part of Senior projects or not. Background checks would still be a requirement, but their contributions would be helpful.

b. Halloween Day Closing

Ms. Olsen has heard from most kids that they will not be attending on Halloween, opting to Trick-or-treat instead. She requested closing the facility for the evening in anticipation of no attendees. The Board agreed.

The only concern was a lack of awareness by students or parents who might forget between the prior week and Halloween Monday. Ms. Olsen will communicate the plan to all involved.

8. Old Business

a. Front Door Update

Repairs to the front door have not gone well. Locksmiths have not been able to locate parts for the old locks, and have expressed concerns with the condition of the doors and the surrounding structure itself. The working door could be nearing failure as well - and a solution is becoming urgent.

City Administrator Sergeant has expressed the goal of having DPW employees address the problem rather than an external contractor - though no one from the department has yet looked into the problem.

Mr. Corridon will attend the upcoming Municipal Services meeting to discuss the process to get work performed on the primary entrance.

b. New Building Update

Discussed avenues for funding a new building. Both the City and School District are tapped out right now - the City due to digesting West Side Park improvements and the School District due budget constraints imposed by declining enrollment and legislative constraints.

Discussed partnerships between the two - which have been difficult in the past.

Also discussed potential partnerships with private organizations such as Evansville Underground Music.

Mr. Corridon will continue discussions with City Administrator Sergeant as the next step.

c. Fundraising

Discussed moving forward with a Dodgeball competition. Mr. Beedle has forwarded some documents to Mr. Corridon and Ms. Olsen regarding how to set up a competition for charitable purposes. He estimated it is possible to generate several thousand dollars through such a contest.

Discussed possible locations - with schools being the only real option in the suggested timeframe.

Discussed timing - with general consensus between winter and spring sports seasons the best opportunity to reach kids and families that might otherwise be engaged in sports.

Mr. Corridon will reach out to ECSD Athletic Director Kendall Butchen to explore the possibilities.

d. Values/Beliefs Statements

Mr. Lathrop mentioned the values and belief statements the Board has previously worked on. With a new Chair and new Director, those things have fallen off the docket. Members agreed that it revisit in the next meeting.

7b Communications with area youth centers

Angie shared she wasn't planning on further reaching out to other area youth centers unless she has a specific question. She does have all the contacts.

She indicated she doesn't want to turn this into someone else's something. The kids who come here, this is their place.

9. New Business**a. Operating Updates**

Ms. Olsen reported that the student count was 41 today (Oct 24th), and the center has been regularly hosting 35-40 students. There have been more 5th graders recently - though 7th and 8th graders remain more rare.

With mostly good weather still holding, many kids are able to play out back - gaga ball predominantly. That helps reduce overcrowding, though when cold weather sets in, that will force everyone inside.

10. Next Meeting Date – Monday, November 28th, 5:30 pm at the Youth Center.

11. Lathrop made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dewar, approved unanimously - meeting adjourned.