

## **Moline Commission on Youth**

Thursday, November 21, 2013 - 4:00 pm

Moline Public Library

3210 - 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Moline

### **MINUTES**

Present: Jan Erikson-Vroman, Elizabeth Finch, Greg Masias, Lynne Meeske, Jane Koenig and Janet Zam.

Absent: Greg Johnson

Guest speakers: Marty Mahieu, Coordinator of the Natural Helpers at Moline High School and two of his Natural Helpers: Jenna Lawrence and Ashley Lewis.

The meeting began at 4:00 pm.

Marty Mahieu and current Natural Helper students: Jenna Lawrence and Ashley Lewis spoke on behalf of the Natural Helpers program. The Natural Helper's program is in its 29<sup>th</sup> year and is designed to help students who may have problems with peer pressure. Natural Helpers are selected by their peers through a once a year anonymous survey where the students nominate other students that they would feel most comfortable going to talk to if they have an issue or a problem. There are around 40 students that are selected and invited to a weekend retreat where they will receive training which includes skills on listening, how to help others, and when to refer the student to another resource. The Natural Helpers are asking for funding to help buy materials and supplies for this training.

A motion to approve a 200.00 donation to the Natural Helpers was made by Jane Koenig and seconded by Lynne Meeske.

The remaining funds that will be distributed will be voted on at the December 19, 2013 meeting.

The City Council will approve the City budget on December 10, 2013 for an additional \$1,000.00 for the Youth Commission for the year 2014. This will make their total budget \$4,000.00.

A motion to approve the October 17, 2013 minutes was made by Jan Erikson-Vroman and seconded by Liz Finch.

The next meeting will be held on December 19, 2013 at 4 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz Finch and seconded by Lynne Meeske. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Zam