

MINUTES

Moline Youth Commission

Thursday, September 18, 2014

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Present: Elizabeth Finch, Greg Johnson, Jane Koenig, Greg Masias, Lynne Meeske, and Janet Zam.

Absent: Jan Erikson-Vroman

Staff:

Elizabeth McKenzie and Alison Fleming

Guests:

Colby DeBlaey from John Deere Middle School and Katie Brooks from Wilson Middle School, representatives of the WEB Program (Where Everyone Belongs).

2. Meeting called to order

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

3. Approval of minutes

A motion to approve the May 15, 2014, minutes was made by Greg Masias and seconded by Greg Johnson. Motion carried.

4. Thank you letters

The Youth Commission received thank you letters from Jeff Griffith of the Harold P. Griffith Chapter Moline High School National Honor Society Foundation Board and Marty Mahieu of the Moline High School Natural Helpers. The letters were passed around for board members to view.

5. Presentation

Introductions were made. Colby DeBlaey spoke on behalf of the John Deere Middle School WEB program. Katie Brooks spoke on behalf of the Wilson Middle School WEB program. WEB is a transition program for incoming 6th graders. 8th graders are trained to act as mentors and leaders to the new students. The 8th grade WEB leaders host an orientation at the beginning of the school year and host various activities throughout the year. WEB has been in effect for 5 years. This year, there are approximately 70 WEB leaders at Wilson Middle School and 300 6th graders. This year at John Deere Middle School, there are approximately 50 WEB leaders and 285 6th graders. Funding is used for 8th grade WEB leader t-shirts and events including: an ice cream social, a tailgate event, fall festival, anti-bullying t-shirts, caroling and cookies, pizza powwow, and an end of the year celebration. WEB also does fundraisers throughout the year.

6. Other

Other organizations were discussed that might need funding including: Moline High School Link Crew, Authentic Voices, Moline High School Crime Stoppers, and after school literacy programs.

7. Next meeting

The presentation for October will be made by Jeremy Weeks for West End COP and South Park Mall COP.

8. Public Comment – none

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. was made by Jane Koenig and seconded by Liz Finch.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth McKenzie, Staff Liaison
Moline Youth Commission