

YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
MEETING HELD THURSDAY,  
MARCH 9, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M.  
IN THE CURTIS ERICKSON  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
55 W. TOMPKINS STREET  
GALESBURG, ILLINOIS

Vice Chair Judi Minor called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Present: Bart Arthur, Andy Bonis, Cheryl Hager, Judi Minor, Sandy Masterson, Gene Rude and Sarah Wallenfelsz. Excused Absence: Sue Cunningham. Ex-Officios: Elizabeth Varner and Julie Main.

Gene Rude moved, seconded by Andy Bonis, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved.

#### Public Comment

Julie Main received Katie Dunbar's resignation. She has an activity that will coincide at the same time as the Youth Commission. The members wished her well.

#### Reports

##### Recreation Division

Elizabeth Varner from the Recreation Division provided a report of several youth programs. She said there are on-going swim lessons, an upcoming nature center maple syrup activity, summer camp sign ups, ball room dance classes, G Force volleyball with 34 teams, girls softball and youth tennis registrations, Easter Egg hunt along with the Touch A Truck and Fishing Derby events. She said their division has a new Recreation Supervisor, Chelsea Moberg. The former supervisor moved back to Champaign.

#### Old Business

##### Youth Extra Effort Award

The members received a nomination for the Youth Extra Effort Award.

Gene Rude moved, seconded by Sandy Masterson to approve the nomination. The motion was approved.

The winner is Breanna Wade a senior from GHS. Katie Dunbar had submitted her name for consideration. Judi Minor will find out a date the winner can attend a City Council meeting to receive the award.

#### Update on Community Activities

Members discussed various programs and events in Galesburg. The Child Advocacy Center is having a fundraiser on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Julie Main will send a flyer to the members which promotes this event. Judi Minor said there is a knit and crochet activity at the Library on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

#### Youth Survey Update

Andy Bonis said there has been no movement at GHS to do the survey. The Knox County Academy has completed the survey. He will contact Costa Catholic Academy and the Galesburg Christian School.

#### Annual Adult Service to Youth Award

The Youth Commission received four nominations for the Annual Adult Service to Youth Award. The members were provided whited out copies of the nominations and a voting form.

Bart Arthur moved, seconded by Gene Rude to accept nominations C and D for the award and approve honorable mentions with a letter and certificate of appreciation to nominations A and B. The motion was approved.

Nomination A was for Carlos Duncan, a previous award winner. Carlos continues his volunteer work with the Galesburg Youth Athletic Club. Al Hayden was nomination B and he was nominated for his volunteer work for thirty years with the Annual Fishing Derby. Al is not a resident of Galesburg. Nomination C was for Harold and Jeanne Watters for working with local and international youth. They have been Rotarians for more than 30 years and have hosted more than 20 youth exchange students in their home. They are mentors and advisors for the GHS Interact Club. Nomination D was for Sylvia Burford. She is in charge of a volunteer after-school program, The Rock. She is a retired teacher and also enjoys working with youth including a Wednesday night program, Vacation Bible School and Sunday morning Kids Country Church.

#### New Business

Members received a link to the Illinois Youth Survey for Knox County. Debby Jo Metsker dropped off a copy for the Youth Commission's information.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Gene Rude moved, seconded by Cheryl Hager to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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Julie R. Main  
Acting Executive Secretary