

# Evansville Youth Center

## Regular Meeting

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

Monday, September 26nd, 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	Delaney
Andy Dewar	Present	Beau
Bill Lathrop	Present	Mr. Nibbles
Ben Myers	Absent	
Kenneth Updike	Present	
Greg Vossekuil	Absent	

3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda**, by Dewar, seconded by Updike, approved unanimously.
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes** of the August 22nd, 2022 meeting and approve as printed, by Dewar, seconded by Beedle, approved unanimously
5. **Civility reminder** - Corridon reminded the group to conduct civil discussion
6. **Citizen Appearances** – Students Delaney and Beau joined the meeting. Both are sixth graders, and for both it is their first year at the Youth Center.

Their comments:

- It's pretty fun.
- Nice to have a place to hang out with other people.
- Angie is the best.

Andy: Do you hang out with new people or friends?

Some of each

Andy: What would you change?

Beau: Have it be open a little later

Delaney: There can be a lot of people and its really noisy, especially when the boys are playing pool.

Angie: We have been getting 25-35 students – we have a lot of kids.

Andy: How did you hear about it?

Sign up sheet at open house, talked with parent about it.

Beau: Knew it was a think. Mom told me about it. I thought it sounded fun.

Favorite things:

Bagel Pizza

Homemade lemonade

Angie: It's not homemade though

Beau: But it's *so* good!

Delaney: We're her favorite kids

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Fundraising**

Angie mentioned City Treasurer Julie Roberts says there is about \$8-9K in the Youth Center budget.

Discussed the potential for applying for a grant with the Evansville Fund, with deadlines looming (Oct 1).

Ken brought up a dodgeball tournament, mentioning several fun matchups (Kids vs Teachers, EYC vs Common Council).

Angie: Kids want to do a talent show – Nov 10. Looking into doing it.

Dewar: Great idea – just to get parents here?

Updike: YouTube show?

Kickball – running out of time but we could go into the fall, as late as October or even November.

## 7a – Fundraising ideas (continued)

### Kickball

4-5 hrs tops, 8 teams.

October calendar weekends are pretty open

Updike: Kids could make the awards

Lathrop: Is raising \$800 a good effort/reward?

Leaving this as an ongoing item

Lathrop: Whatever we decide – we should make it real

Dewar: An easier effort to manage

Updike: Low input costs

Beedle: Are we doing Ducks for 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

Angie: Yes! We have we have over 7000 rubber ducks with serial numbers; we're going to put them to use

## **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.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Update on Opening**

Angie reported things were going well – there are a lot of kids.

She related the story of one kiddo who has come every night, open to close. Sometimes quiet, sometimes not. One day, he came in sad and told Angie he was in trouble at school and was being grounded from youth center. He came in and told her because he felt he had to. That showed a lot of trust.

She also shared the prior Friday a couple kids left because it was too much for them, not enough room to get away from each other.

## 8a – Update on Opening (continued)

Dewar: You'll get good ideas on what a new center needs.

Corridon: The importance of safe space

Beedle: Years ago the kids who felt it was too much drifted to the Library where it was quieter

Movie room in use? Turned into the wrestling room

Corridon: Planning a formal meeting with Jason to discuss a new building – at least to get the ball rolling

Beedle: Inspection – the front door should be fixed. We need to fix it.

Does it need to be glass? No.

9. Next Meeting Date – Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm at the Youth Center.
10. Lathrop made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dewar, approved unanimously - meeting adjourned.

## Future Meeting Dates

- Monday, November 21, 2022