

MINUTES OF THE NORTH TONAWANDA YOUTH BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2022

- I. ATTENDANCE – Alex Domaradzki, Michelle Bernas, Krista Vince Garland, Kim Sinon, Eric Zadzilka, Allison Banko, Dennis Garland, Eric Zadzilka
- II. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30pm
- III. OLD BUSINESS –

1) **Treasurer's Report:**

Opening Balance: \$7,792.88

Debits: Sam's Club (224.80)- Snack Shack
Sam's Club (232.56)- Snack Shack
Petty Cash (172.30)- Sensory Santa Event

Credits: \$723.00 (Snack Shack Deposit)
\$1046.00 (Snack Shack Deposit)

Balance to date: \$8,932.82

Michelle questioned whether this included the Sensory donation of \$2,000. Alex confirmed that was reported on last months minutes. Krista motioned to table, Kim second.

2) YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE-

- **Sensory Santa Event** was a great success. Many thanks to Kim for all she did to solicit donations of gifts for the kids. We had plenty of gifts (with leftovers that can be used for future events).
- **Chess Club** has been a new program that has gotten a great response. We are going to be starting up another session with groupings more specific to the level of play of the students.

IV. NEW BUSINESS-

- a. **Youth Board Bi-Laws:** We revisited the bi-laws and encouraged members that the main point of our board is more of an advisory stance. Using our members connections and links to the community is very helpful and useful in helping provide programs, garner feedback, raise awareness, and solicit sponsors/donations for events. These are the main areas we want our board members to focus on. "Hands-on" programming help from members is always welcomed, but will not be a priority focus moving forward.
- b. **Junior Youth Board** – Purpose to get kids active in planning and implementing activities and educational programs for the other kids in the community

- c. **Life Skills & Helpful Hints Workshop** – compare it to the community education program from years ago where we teach the kids all those important aspects of life, they “don’t learn in High School”. Michelle spoke about how after working with college kids for so long she was shocked at how lost students were when it came to renting apartments, credit scores, basic car maintenance. Using the resources of the Youth Board would be valuable in providing some knowledgeable instructors to assist. She asked for ideas to be sent via email about what sorts of life skills should be considered.
 - d. **EASTER EGG HUNT** – Taking place on Saturday, April 9. We’re looking to get some local businesses involved to set up a sort of makers market for the day as well. Michelle will get a description letter written up to present to people and businesses to see if there is interest in participation.
- 1) **NEXT MEETING DATE** – February 17 at 7:00 PM (Zoom link to follow) Future meetings will be held on Wednesdays. February’s is on a Thursday due to the REC Valentine event being on Wednesday, February 16.
 - 2) Correction of meeting dates from January agenda

2022 Meeting Dates:

- January 27
- February 17
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- No July meeting
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- No December Meeting

- 3) **ADJOURNMENT** – Time - 7:43 PM motion by Kim Sinon , second by Eric Zadzilka