

## **Moline Commission on Youth**

Thursday, April 17, 2014 - 4:00 pm

Moline Public Library

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

### **MINUTES**

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

Absent: Jane Koenig

Guest Speakers: Pam Lohman - Chairman of Project Graduation and Coach Dan Olson - Wilson Middle School Wrestling Team

The meeting began at 4:00 pm. Chairman Lynne Meeske welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Pam Lohman, Chairman of Project Graduation was welcomed by the Youth Commission. Pam spoke about the event, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year. Pam showed us the Project Graduation web page. Project Graduation will be held on May 23, 2014 and is a drug-free, alcohol free lock-in at the YMCA. There are approximately 500 students participating this year.

Project Graduation requested a \$700.00 donation. The donation goes toward prizes, food and games.

Coach Dan Olson from Wilson Middle School Wrestling Team was the next speaker. He requested \$500.00 to be put toward a new wrestling mat which is in very bad shape and needs to be replaced.

Following the departure of Pam Lohman and Dan Olson, the Commission members discussed supporting these events once again. Greg Masias made a motion to donate \$400.00 to Project Graduation. This motion was seconded by Greg Johnson. Motion carried. Jan Erikson-Vroman made a motion to donate \$400.00 to Dan Olson at Wilson Middle School to help toward purchasing a new mat for the Wrestling Team. The motion was seconded by Lynne Meeske. Motion carried. Janet Zam will prepare vouchers and distribute the checks by May 2, 2014. The organizations that have requested funding will be revisited at the end of the year for an additional donation if there is funding available.

A motion was made by Jan Erikson-Vroman, seconded by Elizabeth Finch to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Jeff Griffith with the MHS National Honor Society Foundation will be attending the May 15th meeting. Janet Zam was contacted by both WEB programs at Wilson Middle School and John Deere Middle Schools to attend the September 18, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Lynne Meeske seconded by Liz Finch. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2014 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Janet Zam**

Janet Zam, City Staff Liaison and Commission Member