

Unity Community Ed Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 5, 2013, 5:00 p.m.

Persons in attendance: Tanna Worrell, Pat Kastens, Brandon Robinson and Deb Paulsen.

Motion was made by Pat Kastens and seconded by Tanna Worrell to accept the minutes from the October 3, 2013 meeting as presented.

Halloween Recap

The Halloween party went off well, with lots of positive comments from community members who attended. Dinner was served to 150 people. Donations were down significantly, possibly a result of the new approach taken this year of just one letter being sent to businesses to request donations for all events. Volunteerism to staff the school event was also low. Those that did help out were very much appreciated! We also had approximately 20 high school students and teacher Val Colletti staff the trick-or-treat at the museum, with Cal Johnson coordinating the volunteers.

Spring Classes

Several classes have been scheduled, with more in the works. The classes that have been secured so far are: Red Cross Swimming Lessons, Zumba, Water Aerobics, DNR Hunter Safety, an After-School Martial Arts Club, Spring Gardening classes, Photography, Nutrition for Weight Loss 12-week class, and two Orpheum Theatre trips.

WCEA/WSPRA Fall Conference Recap

The conference took place Nov. 7-8, 2013 in Green Lake, WI. Sessions attended were: Using Social Media, Program & Course Development Strategies, Before-and-After School Programming, Partnering with Community Resources, Future of Fund 80, and Planning Community Events.

Miscellaneous

There was discussion of purchasing a license to show non-educational movies in the building. This would allow the school to be able to have family movie nights, among other things. Mr. Robinson will give Deanna Erickson direction on purchasing of this, as it will be through CSF. Discussion of obtaining or working in conjunction with local libraries to obtain a license to show summer movies outside on the football field are also being looked into, as it would require a separate license.

Changes to the 2014 Health Fair were discussed. Attendance would most likely be higher if done in conjunction with the Annual Community Picnic. Also, the possibility of replacing the Wellness Walk with a 5K run/walk or possibly a wilderness triathlon was discussed. Deb will look into the details of what steps need to be taken to put this together.

Mr. Robinson has been in discussions with Unity Clinic in regards to the open space on the 2nd floor of the clinic. Unity's partnership with SCRMC may allow us to use the space, once it's finished off, for additional community ed classes.

The logistics of having a computer lab open for community members to use after school hours was discussed.

Next meeting date is February 6, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the District Board room.