

Berne Youth Council Minutes
January 11, 2016

Present: Trudy Horl, Stephanie Scram, Kathy Stemple, Chuck Conklin, Erin Rappaport, Kathy Wank

Also Present: Karen Schimmer, Mary Ellen Gillis

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Trudy Horl @ 6:07 PM

Motion to approve minutes of December 14, 2015 made by Erin Rappaport, seconded by Stephanie Scram, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Mary Ellen Gillis, Knox Youth Director, attended the meeting to report on Knox activities and to coordinate dates for youth programs throughout the year. Mary Ellen reported that the Knox Winter fest will be held on January 30th from 11 AM – 2 PM, with a “rain date” of February 6th. As discussed and motioned during the December meeting, it was reiterated that Berne will provide the following: donations of hotdogs, rolls, condiments, a grill and chef for the event, volunteers of Chuck Conklin, Erin Rappaport, Stephanie Scram and Trudy Horl, \$50 in prized (movie tickets purchased by Stephanie Scram to be reimbursed), and a hat or two. Volunteers should arrive by 10:30 AM.

Mary Ellen asked that we report all of our expensed to them, as Knox Town Board would like to keep a tally of event cost from year to year.

Tubing Trip – Erin Rappaport proposed dates of March 5th, with a rain date of March 12th for the annual tubing trip. The cost to participants will be \$18/pp with less than 25 participants, and decreased to \$15/pp with more than 25 participants. Our costs will be a BKW bus driver at \$27.28 per hour, and a bus rental charge of \$2 per mile. Per Dawn Jordan’s previous email, the Maple Ski Ridge is approximately 22 miles one way from BKW. The combined cost for a 4 hour trip is approximately \$200. Either Trudy and/or Kathy will contact Anita Clayton to put this item on the next Town Board meeting agenda. The school will then need to pass this at their next BoE meeting. Erin Rappaport has agreed to design and distribute the flyer/permission forms with an RSVP date of February 26th. Stephanie Scram is willing to collect all forms in her classroom.

Roller Skating – Stephanie Scram proposed a date of Saturday, April 9th to visit Rollerama in Schenectady. Cost to participants is \$7 which includes skate rental and skating time of 12 noon – 6 PM. Proposed trip would leave BKW at 11:30 AM and arrive back at 3:30 PM. The same 4 hour rate of bus driver and bus rental from BKW apply as stated above (\$27.28/hr. driver, \$2/mile bus). Per Dawn Jordan’s previous email, the Rollerama is approximately 20 miles one way from BKW. The total estimated cost of trip is approximately \$200. As stated above, the Berne Town Board will be presented with proposed expenditure, then the BKW BoE. Stephanie Scram has agreed to design and distribute the flyers with an RSVP date of March 26th. March 26th is also the date the

Rollerama needs a confirmed number of attendees. The \$7 per participant rate applies to groups larger than 20.

Discussion ensued about members of the Berne Youth Council wanting to become more involved with the Playmakers – an independent group of volunteers that are assisting with raising capital for playground improvements.

A date of July 18 – 22, 2016 was proposed for the annual Summer Recreation Program.

Mail Chimp was discussed. Mail Chimp is an email database software program that will be used to notify anyone who has volunteered their email address, of all upcoming events. Kathy Wank will be responsible for all notifications, with Trudy Horl also having access. This system will be used strictly to notify residence of Berne/Knox Youth Council events.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:32 PM made by Stephanie Scram, and seconded by Kathy Stemple, all in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wank, Director & Recording Secretary