

Boys and Girls Club Board Meeting

July 16, 2025

Attendees:

Paula Walker, Robert Clarke, Robert Hullman, RaeAnn Hullman, Phillip Jordan, Peggy Libel, Karen Kissinger

The Boys and Girls Club Board Meeting covered several key points. Paula Walker reported no accidents, completed the occupant emergency plan, and awaits EC approval. The club received 500 book bags and plans a zoo trip and back-to-school event, open to the community. The back-to-school event will feature food for all and gift cards for club kids. The archery event is scheduled for August 16. The club also discussed the need for a break before the new school year, suggesting August 8 as the last day of summer programming. The meeting concluded with plans to leverage the summer youth program to engage teens in a monthly teen night at the club.

Action Items

- [] @Paula Walker - Follow up with the DOD on the strategic planning process.
- [] @Paula Walker - Email the DOD for an update on the strategic plan.
- [] @Dr. Karen M. Kissinger - Look into upcoming board training opportunities and resources.

Outline

Meeting Commencement and Attendance

- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger mentions the rain in Kansas City and the potential impact on Wi-Fi.
- Paula Walker and other speakers discuss their activities before the meeting, including playing ball with kids and helping with horses.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger asks if there is any sensitive or confidential information that needs to be discussed in an executive session.
- Paula Walker confirms that no sensitive information is needed for the meeting.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger notes the transparency of publishing meeting notes for a year.

Safety and Hygiene Updates

- Paula Walker reports no accidents and mentions the completion of the occupant emergency plan and fire evacuation plan, pending EC approval.
- Paula Walker discusses the lack of cameras and the need for approval to utilize a trailer for more space.
- Paula Walker announces the arrival of hygiene kits and the application for 500 book bags.
- Paula Walker mentions the upcoming zoo trip and a back-to-school event sponsored by Nuweh, which will be open to the community.

Event Planning and Community Involvement

- Paula Walker expresses concerns about opening the back-to-school event to the community, considering the number of kids and the need for planning.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger suggests splitting the event, with food for the community and gift cards for club kids.
- RaeAnn Hullman supports the idea of opening the event to the community while ensuring resources for club kids.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger and others discuss the importance of celebrating club members and the challenges of pleasing everyone.

Summer Programming and Staff Break

- Paula Walker discusses the end of summer programming and the need for a break for staff and kids before the new school year.
- RaeAnn Hullman emphasizes the importance of a break for staff and kids to refresh and prepare for the new school year.
- Paula Walker suggests the last day of summer programming to be August 8, with August 11-13 for catch-up and preparation.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger and others agree on the need for a longer break to ensure proper planning and rest.

Archery Event and Basketball Hoops

- Paula Walker mentions the change of the archery event date to August 16 to avoid conflicts with other events.
- Robert Hullman discusses the logistics of the archery event, including the location and timing.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger inquires about updates on the field and basketball courts.

- Robert Hullman mentions a bid for the field and the possibility of using a grant for a splash park.
- Paula Walker suggests setting up a basketball hoop in the parking lot for kids to use.

Strategic Planning and Training

- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger asks about the status of the strategic plan and upcoming training sessions.
- Paula Walker mentions difficulties in communicating with the DoD and the introduction of a new CEO at Kickapoo.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger offers to look into resources for the board on strategic planning.

Community Involvement and Youth Program

- RaeAnn Hullman highlights the efforts of Robert Holman and Tony Fee in starting a summer youth program.
- RaeAnn Hullman suggests using the youth program to create a teen night at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger and others express support for the idea and offer to volunteer for teen nights.
- Peggy Libel shares positive experiences from having youth work with her organization, emphasizing the importance of work ethic and servant's heart.

Positive Community Feedback and Future Plans

- RaeAnn Hullman plans to post positive feedback about the youth program at the end of the summer.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger suggests making public the positive impact of the youth program and thanking Tony and Robert.
- RaeAnn Hullman shares personal experiences of her children learning valuable skills and forming connections through the program.
- Dr. Karen M. Kissinger and others express gratitude for the efforts of the youth program and the positive impact on the community.

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