

Minutes from the ITKN BGCA May 21 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Robert Hullman

Present: Rae Ann Hullman, Robert Hullman, Paula Walker, Sarita Da Silva, Karen Kissinger- Absent Robert Clarke, Peggy Libel and Phillip Jordan

Overview:

The Boys and Girls Club Board Meeting covered several key points. Paula Walker reported on safety improvements, including fixing minor issues and completing a new kitchen. She mentioned an incident with a parent hitting a dumpster and noted the absence of accidents with kids. Transportation plans were discussed, with Paula set to transport three kids from Reserve, despite concerns about staff time and liability. Summer programming will run from 8 AM to 5 PM, with four out of six planned programs in place. The board also discussed the need for a new transportation policy and the potential installation of cameras in vans. Liability concerns regarding the park's use were raised.

Action Items

[] @Paula Walker - Send pictures of the completed kitchen renovations.

[] @Paula Walker - Determine the logistics of the transportation plan, including the need for a camera in the vehicle and the rotation of staff responsibilities.

[] @Paula Walker - Schedule the cooking classes with the K-State representatives.

[] @Robert Hullman - Resolve the liability concerns regarding the use of the community park.

Safety Assessment and Minor Issues

Paula Walker mentions a safety assessment by Candida, which went well but had minor issues like low mulch and an outdated parent handbook.

Paula completed a driving test for club drivers and corrected the handbook.

An incident involving a parent hitting a dumpster was discussed, with Candida advising not to report it unless it involved kids.

Paula updated on the kitchen completion and food compliance, with pictures to be sent.

Transportation and Staffing Concerns

Paula Walker discusses transporting kids from Fall City and High Water, with only three kids currently involved.

RaeAnn Hullman questions the efficiency of transporting three kids, considering the time and staff involved.

Robert Hullman defends the decision, stating it's part of the third person's job.

Paula mentions the need for a new transportation policy and the possibility of adding cameras to the van.

Dr. Karen M. Kissinger and Sarita Mc Gowan discuss the importance of transportation in rural areas and the need for staff rotation.

Summer Programs and Grant Updates

Paula Walker outlines summer hours and programs, including positive behavior programs, sports, and a new garden project.

K-State provided tomato and green pepper plants for a community garden, with plans for a cooking class.

A visit from the TANF grant team was helpful in clarifying grant-specific purchases.

Summer programming will run from 8 AM to 5 PM, with Paula arriving at 7:30 AM.

Paula mentions an all-staff training in Topeka for the Two Gen grant.

Board Voting and Liability Concerns

Dr. Karen M. Kissinger recalls a previous board vote on transportation during the summer.

RaeAnn Hullman reiterates her concerns about transporting only three kids, considering the staff time and gas costs.

Robert Hullman emphasizes the importance of following the board's decision and staff rotation.

Dr. Karen M. Kissinger and Sarita Mc Gowan discuss the need for cameras in the van for liability reasons.

Paula Walker mentions the need to explain the park's community use to the safety assessor.

Confidential Material and Park Usage

Dr. Karen M. Kissinger asks Robert Hullman about liability for incidents at the park after hours.

Robert clarifies that the park is for community use, not the Boys and Girls Club, and explains the safety assessor's concerns.

Paula Walker mentions the assessor's questions about the building's use and confidential materials.

The assessor was concerned about the storage of confidential materials and the impact of renting the gym for parties.

Paula explains the challenges of removing and securing items before and after rentals.

The handbook was approved after Paula included the Native Cultural programming.

Paula and Robert discussed the planning of upcoming field trips.