

We decided on the last Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm at City Hall for our meetings going forward.

Events the Youth Council will help coordinate will be July 3rd and Oktoberfest.

We laid out the plans for our July 3rd, Youth Night, events at Colby Park, the schedule is below:

3:00-5:00 pm Bill Riley Talent Scouts-Chairman-OPEN

5:00-6:00 pm set up for battle of the bands

6:00-9:00 pm Battle of the Bands-Chairs: Matt Fifield, Aaron Bellis, Jim Willits & Pat McManus (?)

9:00-11:00 pm-Teen Dance-Chairs: Katelyn & Krissy Markley, Courtney & Ashley Willits and Kelsey O'Brien.

6:00-11:00 pm-Carnival games (laser tag, DDR, rock climbing, jousting) admission fee will be decided later.

Katelyn will take the lead in obtaining prices for Youth Council t-shirts that will have a logo (to be designed by the kids) on the front and the word STAFF and a list of all the special events in WH on the back. Another idea that has come up is to have a 2nd t-shirt done that is specifically for the Battle of the Bands night that has a design on the front and the names of all the bands on the back that we could sell to the public the night of the event.

Matt will take the lead in contacting music stores to see if they would be willing to donate speakers, a keyboard and a drum set for the event. Angie will check with her contact who is a drummer in a band to see if he would be willing to assist with this as well. Angie will also see about a DJ for the dance that would work for free. If not, the kids will use their I-pod music and handle it themselves.

There will be a Battle of the Bands project team meeting on Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 pm at City Hall. They will begin putting together their task list for this event at that time. Items to cover: advertising, judges, prizes, demo discs and equipment needs.

For the dance, we will need Public Works to fence off a space that we can control entrance into to ensure everyone either donates a food item for the Food Bank of Iowa or pays a \$2.00 admission fee.

We would also like to have some food vendors during these events. Courtney will talk to Bart at DQ and Matt will talk to Jimmy's Pizza to see if these folks are interested in setting up or allowing us to sell their product during the events. We could staff the special events trailer ourselves and sell popcorn and soda too.

**We need Marketa to provide us with a document on WH letterhead that the kids can give to potential donors so they know we are legitimate.

FUNDRAISING

While the City's Special Events budget does cover some of our expenses, our goal should be to be as financially self reliant as possible. We agreed to a quarterly event we will call "Pop Goes the 4th" and collect beverage cans and bottles.

We will have a notice in the monthly newsletter that residents can call **the week of the event to 255-9191** for a pick up if they have **at least 2 garbage bags full of cans**. We will also have collection sites for residents to drop off their donations at Colby Park and at HyVee. The dates for these events are: March 29, July 12 and September 27.

PUBLICATIONS

The Youth Council would also like to know if they could have a section in the monthly newsletter to update the residents on their activities. Donna will check with Marketa.

Next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th at 2:00 pm at City Hall.