

**MINUTES**  
**Moline Commission on Youth**  
Thursday, May 21, 2015

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners:

Present: Elizabeth Finch, Greg Masias, Janet Zam, Greg Johnson,  
and Jan Erikson-Vroman

Absent: Lynne Meeske and Jane Koenig

Staff: Elizabeth McKenzie

Guests: Joe Ventris (Wilson Middle School wrestling), Jeff Griffith (Harold P. Griffith Chapter Moline High School National Honor Society Foundation), and Joe Ehlers (Moline High School Secondary Transitional Experience Program)

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Erikson-Vroman made a motion to approve the April 16, 2015, minutes and Commissioner Masias seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

**4. Presentations**

Joe Ventris spoke on behalf of Wilson Middle School wrestling. They are requesting a donation to purchase warm up sweatshirts for the team next season. A donation would enhance the team by boosting team spirit among the Wilson wrestlers.

Jeff Griffith spoke on behalf of the Harold P. Griffith Chapter Moline High School National Honor Society Foundation. The organization awards scholarships to every senior member of the Moline High School National Honor Society. This year was the 26<sup>th</sup> year the organization has awarded scholarships. A donation would go towards awarding next year's scholarships.

Joe Ehlers spoke on behalf of Moline High School Secondary Transitional Experience Program. STEP teaches students with disabilities work skills such as: cleaning, packaging, customer service, and daily living skills. These skills prepare students to transition to employment, post-secondary education, community participation, and independent living. A donation would go towards purchasing a janitor cart and reel mower to assist students in their work duties at Moline High School.

**5. 2015 Budget**

The commissioners were notified to contact Mayor Raes to inquire about the decrease in funds from \$4,000 in 2014 to \$3,000 in 2015.

**6. Grants**

Commissioner Masias contacted Elizabeth McKenzie to see if the Youth Commission could apply for grants to be able to give more money to Moline youth. Elizabeth notified the commission that it is a possibility, but the Youth Commission would need to identify the actual grant they wanted to apply for and the logistics of it. Grants would be discussed on an individual basis.

**7. Donations**

Commissioner Finch made a motion to donate \$300 to Wilson Middle School wrestling and Commissioner Erikson-Vroman seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Elizabeth McKenzie will prepare a voucher and send the check.

Commissioner Erikson-Vroman made a motion to donate \$300 to Moline High School STEP and Commissioner Masias seconded. Motion unanimously carried. Elizabeth McKenzie will prepare a voucher and send the check.

**8. Public Comment—None**

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Elizabeth McKenzie, Staff Liaison  
Moline Commission on Youth