



Wauwatosa, WI

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:15 PM

Lower Civic Center

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Youth Co-Chair Reardon called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present 13	Commissioner, Chair Lance Isaacs Commissioner - Adult Michelle Fetherston Commissioner - Adult Kristin Hagen Commissioner - Adult Kay Lorenzen Commissioner - Student Charles Gittins Commissioner - Student Matthew Jaworski Commissioner - Student Dashiell Johnson Commissioner - Student Guy Johnson Commissioner - Student Brendan Reardon Commissioner - Student Benjamin Ruzicka Commissioner - Student Olivia Wilke Commissioner - Student Joshua Wilder Ex-Officio - Recreation Dept. Liaison Ted Martin
Excused 3	Commissioner - Student Liam Riley Ex-Officio - Alderperson Andrew Meindl Ex-Officio - School Board Liaison Amber Tanty
Absent 4	Commissioner - Adult Linda Groth Commissioner - Student Nikolai Buss Commissioner - Student Abhiveer Kalirawana Commissioner - Student Maddie Ullsperger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the October 8, 2025, regular meeting [25-2224](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Benjamin Ruzicka
SECONDER: Michelle Fetherston
2. Approval of minutes of the November 12, 2025, regular meeting [25-2293](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Olivia Wilke
SECONDER: Benjamin Ruzicka

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

1. Treasurer’s Report [25-2280](#)

Beginning Balance 1-01-2025.....\$1,000.00

Expenses:

Volunteer Award Ceremony/Reception/Yr. End Recognition.....\$ 282.02

(5 Plaques @ \$40.00 ea and beverages/cake)

Survey Participants Drawing (5 - Gift Cards @ \$20.00 ea.....\$ 100.00

APPSE Donation to Tosa East\$ 100.00

APPSE Donation to Tosa West\$ 100.00

Total Expenses.....\$ 582.02

Remaining Balance - October 8, 2025.....\$ 417.98

Tosa West Playbill Ad.....\$ 150.00

Trunk or Treat Candy/Decorations.....\$ 136.99

Trunk or Treat Additional Candy\$ 119.94

Total Expenses.....\$ 406.93

Remaining Balance - December 10, 2025.....\$ 11.05

Treasurer, Kay Lorenzen, reported when confirming our current balance with Director of Municipal Services/City of Wauwatosa, Zach Kessler, that if we had any large expenses coming up in 2026 we should submit the expenses for these items before year’s end on December 31, 2025. The surplus funds (beyond our \$1,000.00 allotment for 2025) would probably not be available to any of the four civic groups sharing these funds in 2026. Our annual funding of \$1,000.00 would be what we would have to spend in 2026. This information was referred to as we discussed the agenda items listed below, knowing we would determine what money would be needed in order to complete our plans and goals for each item. The Storybook Walk, publicity in the 2026 Playbills for Tosa East and Tosa West High School, and the Career/Life Planning Program committees made use of the 2025 available reserve funds. See their reports below for details.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Common Council [25-2281](#)

No report.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Police Department [25-2282](#)

No report. Kristin Hagen reported the position remains vacant.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Recreation Department [25-2283](#)

Ted Martin, the Director of the Recreation Department, said they had 4 more training sessions for Senior citizen volunteers for the new STEP program. The Recreation Department has openings for a few more volunteers. They have had a good number of Senior citizens interested in being a volunteer including retired teachers.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

5. School Board/District Representative [25-2284](#)

Amber Tanty, Dean of Students at Whitman Middle School, sent a report in here absence, saying next

month she will give us information about several proposals being considered to address our declining enrollment and condensing the number of school buildings in the district.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Awards Committee [25-2285](#)

Lance Isaacs, Committee Chair said the nomination applications with a letter of explanations have been submitted to the area schools with students 8th grade and above. Student volunteers to be on the committee to review the applications are: Liam Riley, Dash Johnson, Ben Ruzicka, and Olivia Wilke.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Birthday Mailings [25-2286](#)

Kay Lorenzen reported the December mailings have been mailed.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

3. Membership Committee [25-2287](#)

No new members to report.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

4. Publicity [25-2288](#)

Kay Lorenzen noted purchasing the half page ad space in the Tosa East High School Theatre Playbill (Program Booklet) and the Tosa West Theatre Playbill (Program Booklet) for their Spring and Fall 2026 plays could be requested now so the funds would come out of the 2025 Reserve funds available to us until December 31st, 2025.

MOTION: Purchase half page ad space in Tosa East and Tosa West High School Theatre Playbills for the 2026 Spring and Fall Plays for a maximum combined total expense of \$700.00 for the four ads.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Benjamin Ruzicka

SECONDER: Joshua Wilder

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Story Book Walk project with Friends of County Grounds Park [25-2289](#)

Guy Johnson reported Mrs. Peil would like to have our members choose the next 4 or 5 books for next year's storybook walk displays at our January meeting and prior to our February meeting beginning, we will assemble the sign boards. Please see the list of book choices and review them prior to the January meeting in order to vote on your choice of 4 or 5 books. Guy will send a list of book titles out via email as well. Mrs. Piel said the total cost of creating these next set of sign boards will be \$320.00.

MOTION: To donate \$350.00 to the Friends of County Grounds Storybook Walk Committee for supplies to create the Storybook sign boards for the 2026 season.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Matthew Jaworski

SECONDER: Guy Johnson

2. Career/Life Program [25-2290](#)

Michelle Fetherston reported she has sent the course survey, that this committee created, out to several schools and hasn't had any responses so she will reach out to the schools again. Lance Isaacs said he had

an offer from Laura Christensen, the Community Representative at Waterstone Bank in the Village, to help with the Career/Life Program as a presenter for a course/class we offer. Laura has several course curriculums on various topics she could present. Lance will reach out to Laura to see if she can attend our January meeting and tell us about the topics she has to present. The idea of having promotional items for students attending the course/s we present was brought up. The money to purchase these items would come from the reserve funds available to us until December 31st, 2025.

MOTION: To purchase promotional items (folders, stickers, water bottles, pens, and note pads) for students attending the Career/Life Program classes in quantities of 100 pieces of each for a maximum of \$1,000.00. (After discussion, Dash Johnson Amended his Motion to \$1,200.00)

AMENDED MOVER: Dash Johnson

AMENDED SECONDER: Ben Ruzicka

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Dashiell Johnson

SECONDER: Charles Gittins

3. Community Events

[25-2291](#)

Ms. Hagen, reported Thea Vorass, Vice President from Tosa Tonight, reached out to Ms. Hagen concerning the Youth Commission’s interest in having a community event for High School age youth in Wauwatosa. Lance Isaacs, Community Events Committee Chair, will contact Thea Vorass for details on how we can sponsor one of these events. Ideas are: an outdoor movie, a showing party for a sports game, a host for youth bands at the Rotary Stage. Brendan Reardon and Josh Wilder are the Youth members on this committee.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of members to awards committee

[25-2292](#)

See Awards Committee Report above.

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 14, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.