

Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission
Full MYC Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
Sioux City, Iowa

Present: 71 MYC and Young Ambassador members, 28 parents, guest/speaker Jennifer Jackson, and 5 Adult Advisors including Sgt. Jim Cunningham, Jenny Gasaway, Mary Koster, JoAnn Gieselman, Traci Markowsky and Kathy Moller,

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Layla Lilly.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Legal Director Tate Behrens.

Kindness Connects Us Welcome was given by JoAnn Gieselman and Luz Morales Segura speaking about Friendliness.

An Ice Breaker – Line Up By Birthday – was led by Austin Kathol and CJ Rooney.

The Finance report was given by Finance Director Vanessa Koelling showing that \$543.29 has been spent to date, leaving a balance of \$5456.71. Total budget is \$6,000.00; fiscal year is from July 1 - June 30. Finance report was accepted on motion by MaKenna Kass, seconded by Tate Behrens, and carried.

The minutes of the May 12, 2025, meeting were reviewed by Administrative Service Director Meron Tsegay and were accepted on motion by Tate Behrens, seconded by Vanessa Koelling, and carried.

Mary Koster, Youth Services Coordinator, reported on the upcoming volunteer opportunities: League of Women Voters Election Forums, Little Free Libraries, Trash Pickup, November Lighted Parade, December 8 Senior Appreciation. Mary also acknowledged the service of Sergeant Jim Cunningham with MYC for the past several years. This is his last meeting. His replacement will be Sergeant Ryan Moritz.

A collection of canned goods was collected today at our meeting for the Heartland Pantry. We collected a total of 406 canned goods.

The program "Art Therapy" was presented by Jennifer Jackson, Director of Heartland Counseling. During her presentation she engaged the group in "Art Therapy" exercises.

The next full MYC meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

On a motion by MaKenna Kass, and a second by Vanessa Koelling, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meron Tsegay, Acting Administrative Service Director