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COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

MINUTES

July 22, 2019

- I. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:46 pm by Ian Wright on July 22, 2019, at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL
 - a. Members Present: Dilpreet Kaur, William Henderson, Ian Wright, Rob Wojtowicz, Nicole DeFalco, Ray Alvarez, Ariel Correa, Shannon Henderson, Gino Martinez, Trustee Alica "Lee" Beattie
 - b. Members not present: Rebecca Swangren
 - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Director John Parquette, LCSW.
 - d. Guests present: Denise Comacho
- II. Approval of July 22, 2019 Agenda: Motion was made by Ariel Correa to approve the Agenda, seconded by Dilpreet Kaur. All members present voted to approve the agenda.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by William Henderson to approve the June 24, 2019 Minutes, seconded by Dilpreet Kaur. All members present voted to approve the minutes.
- IV. Public Comments: none

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- V. Liaison Report: New Trustee, Alica “Lee” Beattie was present. She reported that the Department of Senior Services will be having a name change as of 10/1/19 to the Department of Aging. Also, the Department of Welfare Services will also have a name change to the Department of Human Services.
- VI. Youth and Family Services Department Report: Director Parquette reported that there are 10 youth at Eastern Illinois University at the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute (CGTI). Youth from middle school and high school have to apply to go to a week long training. Director Parquette reported that the participants will be learning a variety of subjects about teen issues. This year’s theme is about mental health. The youth that are participating are from Tefft Middle School, Streamwood High School and Bartlett High School. Director Parquette also reported that recently the township participated in a youth township conference. He reported some upcoming events- Family Fun Night at Isaac Walton Center – August 7th 4 -7 pm. This is a picnic where the community can come together and have fun. Additionally, Youth and Family Services hired a prevention specialist, Gisele Trujillo who started July 18th. Director Parquette also reported that he has opted to take the Early Retirement Incentive given by the Township and will be retiring at the end of the month.

VII. Unfinished Business: None

VIII. New Business:

- a. Public Relations and Marketing: A discussion arose regarding advertising what the committee does in order to increase membership and using Instagram and Facebook. Member's discussed Township booth at Streamwood Summerfest, International Day, Fall Food Truck Festival events to try to encourage youth to apply. It was reported that there is a banner that can be used. Also discussed was a compilation of videos from youth, reporting that youth were listened to and that this was important. Members discussed how can we adapt and what may be the biggest issues. Members reported that transportation to meetings may be an issue. A discussion arose about changing locations for the meeting. Unable to meet at Streamwood High School because we do not only serve Streamwood High School students. Other options that were discussed included Astor Avenue and a Library. Discussed that the location should be a township facility. Also discussed was using a paper application for youth as well as having youth come to a meeting first.

- b. Youth Member Recruitment: A discussion arose regarding using a website. Also discussed the "Letter of Recommendation" which states to ask for social studies teacher to write the recommendation letter. Discussed changing the recommendation letter to open recommendations. Also discussed developing part of the application as a "tear-off" for teachers. Also looked at the possibility of having members go directly to teachers to ask for recommendations for youth members. Discussed asking previous nominees of the leadership awards to come be part of COY. A conversation took place regarding what type of students to target; students who do well in school or students who may struggle.
Using the "Bee the Buzz" bloopers video may attract students.
Current COY membership was put forward. Nicole DeFalco reported

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that she will be stepping down as President and from the committee. It was also stated that the Committee on Youth existed before Hanover Township Youth and Family Services. Dilpreet Kaur and Ian Wright will also be resigning from COY as both will be attending college in the fall.

X. Adjournment: Ian Wright asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Dilpreet Kaur made the motion to adjourn and Ariel Correa seconded. All members in favor.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2019, Hanover Township, Downey Hall

Respectfully Submitted by Tina Houdek for Shannon Henderson;



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