



COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 2021

Supervisor

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Clerk

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Assessor

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Trustees

**Alisa "Lee" Beattie
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Administrator

James C. Barr

Director

Tina Houdek, LCPC

1. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:37 pm by Jordan Wildermuth on November 22, 2021 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
 - a. Members Present: Bill Henderson, Rob Wojtowicz, Jordan Wildermuth, Corey Elton and Ariel Correa.
 - b. Members not present: Jennifer Delao, Savannah Widmann and Nazneen Hashmi
 - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Trustee, and Tina Houdek, Director
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments: None

Bill Henderson shared Knights of Columbus events: Gift Giving Tree at St. Johns, Coat Drive, Free Throw basketball event, etc.

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4. Reports:

- a. Trustee Liaison report – There’s a lot happening at Hanover Township and at the Izaak Walton Center, 300 plus signees for Toy Drive, Food Drive TBD, Food Pantry in high demand (seeking items such as salt and pepper, oil, cheese, can opener, etc). The township just purchased the 17.5 acre adjacent land to our current building at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL, and a building to house items, and other items.

- b. Director Report – See highlights. Director Houdek reported on certain focus groups to get a sense of developing the new youth center with respect to aesthetics, programming, etc. There were 14-15 high schoolers that were impressive for the focus group. They shared requests of a “drop-in” teen hour availability and that later evening hours were not favored by the group. Based on feedback from the two focus groups conducted in October 2021, the hours for the drop in youth center will be changing from 3 to 6pm. This started November 10th and the prevention team has been working on transportation with pick ups at the high schools. Additionally, the last movie night occurred in October. Due to the holiday season, the movie nights will not return until the new year 2022. Program Coordinator Miguel began providing Boys Groups to several elementary schools in October, where 183 duplicated students and 40 unduplicated students participated. December 3rd from 5-8pm Cookies and Cocoa with Santa. The Open Gym program is still on hold with SD U-46 - see more on Open Gym in the notes below under section e. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update. The partnership with Streamwood Park District continues strong as ice cream socials, and four different teen activities taking place in January. The depression screenings continue two or three times per month at the YFS.

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5. Unfinished Business: none

6. New Business:

- a. Approval of October 25, 2021 Minutes: Motion was made by Ariel Correa and second by Rob Wojtowicz. Motion carried– all in favor.
- b. Approval of the 2022 Meeting Dates - The committee discussed the date, reviewed them and the motion was made by Rob Wojtowicz and seconded by Corey Elton - All in Favor.
- c. New Leaders in Education Recognition Status - Chair Jordan Wildermuth thanked everyone for their support with this event. He shared that there is still one New Leaders in Education Recognition that is still pending due to scheduling, but the committee will be following up with that recognition soon. The committee discussed feedback given and although Tina Houdek and Jordan Wildermuth received positive feedback, they shared about looking at alternatives for next year. Additionally, it was shared that we may want to look at how we define who should receive the recognition for New Leaders based on the multiple layers of SD U-46.
- d. Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Member Roles - There are 11 roles. Tina Houdek went over each of them and shared the sign-in document for the various roles. She shared that she previously sent COY members an email to begin obtaining availability and who would be able to support. She shared the route of entry and exit for the event to ensure Covid-19 mitigation strategies are in place. The event is from 5-8pm, but help is greatly appreciated for setting up from 4:30pm-5:00pm as well as for clean-up from 8:00pm-8:30pm.

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Bill Henderson shared that the same date and time as this event is the Village of Streamwood Luminara event.

- e. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update - see Director Report above.

There are two transportation buses for the teen night events. Tina Houdek has urged the COY members to help with marketing of the flyers and events via their social media and support groups. They are looking at doing it on Wednesdays and Fridays as well as on some Saturdays with new hours to see how that works. Additionally, Mid to late January Family Youth Services is looking at hosting Open Gym at the center. The construction is going well and she is hoping that by then they will wrap up all, if not, most of the construction. They are in the process of finalizing promotional materials for these events. SD U-46 still is not accepting open gym to be conducted at the SD U-46 schools. Tina continues to work with SD U-46 and facilities director for next steps with working on getting Open Gym back into the schools. Meanwhile, Open Gym will be taking place at the Hanover Park park district over the winter months. Program assistance will be available for all families and participants. Open Gym is hiring - see positions and job descriptions on Indeed (18 years of age and high school graduate is one of the minimum requirements). Starting June 2022, the department is looking to do some sort of camp style events/ programming at the center. More information to follow.

- 7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Henderson at 7:33 PM and seconded by Rob Wojtowicz – all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dr. Ariel Correa, Director of Youth and Family Services

Next Meeting Date: January 24, 2022—Downey Hall

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