



COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, January 24, 2022

Supervisor

Brian P. McGuire

Clerk

Katy Dolan Baumer

Assessor

Khaja Moinuddin

Trustees

Alisa "Lee" Beattie

Denise Camacho

Craig Essick

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Administrator

James C. Barr

Director

Tina Houdek

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 January 24, 2022 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
 - a. Members Present: Bill Henderson, Jordan Wildermuth, Jennifer Delao, Savannah Widmann, Nazneen Hashmi, and Ariel Correa.
 - b. Members not present: Rob Wojtowicz, Corey Elton
 - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Trustee via cell phone, and sitting in for Tina Houdek, Director, is Nora Gonzalez, Clinical Manager at Hanover Township Youth and Family Services.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments: None
4. Reports:
 - a. Trustee Liaison report – We are waiting on a warmer date to set up a visit for COY to visit the Izaak Walton Center.

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- b. Director Report – Norma reported on Director Houdek report. Information has been sent to the Board of Trustees regarding updates from the community comments. The “Hop In for Hanover” will probably be taking place in April. See highlights below:

Department Highlights:

- Director Houdek and Committee on Youth members presented gifts and certificates of acknowledgement to thirteen New Leaders in Education throughout the month of November.
- Manager Dickinson attended the Streamwood Women’s Club meeting on November 2 where she accepted a generous donation for youth programming.
- Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson met with the Hanover Park District on November 2 to discuss a potential partnership with youth programming.
- Drop-in Teen hours began on November 10 at the Izaak Walton Youth Center with a total of 127 duplicated and 17 unduplicated participants for the month of November.
- Director Houdek participated in the Township Officials of Illinois 114 Annual Education Conference on November 15 and 16.
- Director Houdek was reelected for another year as President of the Association of Illinois Township Committee on Youth at the Annual Business Meeting on November 15.
- Hanover Township received two Association of Illinois Township Committee on Youth awards this year. Prevention Specialist Trujillo received the Staff Award and Eesha Aliparthi received the Volunteer of the Year Award.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal gave a presentation to the parents of Tefft Middle School on November 18 about mental health and their children.
- Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Konzal gave a presentation to The Girl Scouts of America on November 20 over the dangers of drug use.
- Coordinator Miguel met with 122 duplicated boys this month conducting Social Skills groups at four elementary schools.

5. Unfinished Business: none

6. New Business:

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- a. Approval of November 22, 2021 Minutes: Motion was made by Bill Henderson and second by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion carried– all in favor.
- b. Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Member-Recap: Bill Henderson shared his experience of the event. Just over 200 individuals attended the event. Trustee Beatie asked the committee if this is an event that COY would like to continue to support and sponsor. The committee shared that the attendance was a positive reflection and that we wanted to wait for our other members from COY to be present to further discuss the matter. Overall, the COY felt the event results and activities were worthwhile.
- c. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update: COY is excited and waiting to get the opportunity to visit the center. Trustee Lee Beatie shared some current progress on the status of the construction-taking place.
- d. Celebration of Leadership Planning

After speaking with James, Director Houdek would like COY to come up with two suggestions. The official date will more than likely be in late May after the Board Meeting in May 2022. Dr. Correa and Jordan Wildermuth shared brief history and recap of past Celebration of Leadership event in May. The committee discussed action planning for potentially trying to get the applications out after our February meeting and then market it in March so that we can finalize and select the leaders in late April for our Mat Celebration.

The Committee also discussed potential options of doing a virtual celebration like we did last year with pre-recorded sessions and if an in-person celebration is to take place, then the committee prefers to have an outdoor celebration. The committee shared the idea of using the Township's white canopies and items to ensure that this celebration is a nicely orchestrated celebration outside. The COY discussed looking

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at putting a capacity limit and ensuring that based on celebration activities have parent permissions, and taking into account parents that want to attend and see their son/daughter's performance.

Trustee Beatie will speak with Streamwood High School music teacher to see his thoughts on best ways to elevate our past celebration activities. Additionally, Savannah Widmann will ask her band teacher at Bartlett High School.

Prior to the February COY meeting Director Houdek will send out the application, rubric and supporting documentation for the committee to preview and come prepared for the February meeting.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Henderson at 7:16 PM and seconded by Jennifer Delao – all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dr. Ariel Correa, Director of Youth and Family Services

Next Meeting Date: February 28, 2022—Downey Hall

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