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## COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 28, 2023

- I. Swearing in of New Member—Emily Fagan, Savannah Widmann
- II. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:33pm by Savanna Widmann on September 25, 2023 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
  - a. Members Present: Savannah Widmann, Rob Wojtowicz, Bill Henderson, Nazneen Hashmi
  - b. Members not present: Jordan Wildermuth, Ariel Correa
  - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Tina Houdek, Youth and Family Services Director
  - d. Guest: Mahitha Ratakonda
- III. Pledge of Allegiance IV.
- IV. Public Comments: None
- V. Reports:
  - a. Trustee Liaison report-
    - i. Trustee Beattie discussed September events, including The Fall Food Trucks Festival. Discussed upcoming events of Hanover Haunts, the new Emergency Services facility wrapping up the building next door, and the upcoming shred event on October 7, 2023.
    - b. Director Report – Director Houdek provided the Committee with several department highlights.
      - Director Houdek conducted a tour of Hanover Township along with Trustee Beattie and Manager Dickinson for the new Streamwood High School principal Paige Moran and the new Athletic Director Jason Ward.
      - The Department hosted the annual National Night Out and Family Fun Night on August 1 at the IWYC with 113 people in attendance.
      - The Dodgeball sports tournament style program in partnership with the Streamwood Park District began on August 7 with 10 youth registered.
      - Department staff participated in the Tefft back to school event on August 8.
      - Prevention staff participated in the Blood Bourne Pathogens training given by the Office of Community Health on August 10.

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- Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator conducted the annual Alternative Supports alumni event on August 10 to connect with past program participants for the purpose of gathering some longitudinal information and impact of the program. Eleven alumni participated.
- HR Manager Callahan, Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson conducted first round interviews for the Prevention Specialist position during the week of August 15.
- Director Houdek and Prevention Specialist Trujillo met with Principal Moran and Assistant Principal of Climate and Culture Al Jasinski on August 21 to discuss programs and partnership.
- Director Houdek attended the ICOY & Maryville Academy Legislative Outreach Tour on August 22.
- Department Staff attend back-to-school events on August 24 and 28 at Sunnydale, Huff and Parkwood Elementary Schools.
- Department staff conducted second round interviews for the Prevention Specialist position on August 29.
  - c. Additionally, Director Houdek discussed the future possibility of providing mental health services to the emerging adult population, ages 19 to 26, in the YFS department as this was one of the recommendations from the Summit on Youth Violence.
  - d. Director Houdek discussed the hiring of Hannah Cronin as the new Prevention Specialist, with a tentative start date of 10/2/23.
  - e. Also, discussed with the possibility of updating the Youth Program Assistant position by including specific duties of driving one of the township vans as a way to increase participation in various youth programs, specifically at the IWYC.

VI. Unfinished Business: None

VII. New Business

- a. Approval of August 28, 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve by Bill Henderson, second by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion carried.
- b. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update
  - i. The Open Gym program currently has 13 participants registered at the IWYC.

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- ii. Transportation possibilities were discussed to include the new Youth Program Assistant/Driver. Additionally, a meeting has been set up with Huff Elementary School to discuss programming at the IWYC and bus route drop-off at the IWYC as another suggestions.
  - iii. Manager Dickinson has reached out to the transportation department in U-46 to discuss IWYC to be a drop off site.
  - iv. Hanover Haunts will occur on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 8:30. Will be looking for volunteers. Information will be sent to COY Members with a signup sheet.
- c. Adult Member Recruitment
- i. Director Houdek encouraged current members to reach out to person that they may know who might be interested in volunteering on the Committee on Youth. The committee is looking for one additional adult member.
  - ii. Discussed the possible appointments of two additional youth members at the township board meeting in October.
- d. New Leaders in Education planning
- i. Communication has gone out by Jordan Wildermuth. Currently no response. With just two new leaders, Director Houdek and Jordan Wildermuth will be presenting gifts to the new members.
  - ii. The date is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon.
  - iii. Gifts and certificates are currently being made.
- e. Taskforce on Community Education Supports. Trustee Beattie discussed current status. Also, discussed that this taskforce was approved by the board after the recent Quality of Life Index that was completed by the township.
- i. Discussed members invited to participate, including Jordan Wildermuth as a representative from the Committee on Youth.

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- ii. Waiting to hear from all who were invited to select a date starting in October.
- iii. The Taskforce will meet monthly for up to approximately 18 months.
- iv. Purpose is to see what the township can do in providing supports for the local schools.
- v. Graduation rates is of primary concern.
- f. Approval of the 2024 Committee on Youth Meeting Schedule.
  - i. A motion was made by Nazneen Hashmi and seconded by Bill Henderson to cancel the May 2024 as the date falls on Memorial Day. Motion carried.
  - ii. A motion was made by Bill Henderson and seconded by Nazneen Hashmi to approve the 2024 Committee on Youth Dates with the proposed changes. Motion carried.
- VIII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Wojtowicz and seconded by Bill Henderson. Motion carried at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tina Houdek for Dr. Ariel Correa, Secretary, Committee on Youth

Next Meeting Date: October 23, 2023—Downey Hall

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