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COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 27, 2023

- I. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:35 pm by Savannah Widmann on November 27, 2023 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
 - a. Members Present: Ariel Correa, Savannah Widmann, Bill Henderson, Nazneen Hashmi, Mahitha Ratakonda, Eesha Alaparathi
 - b. Members not present: Rob Wojtowicz, Emily Fagan, Jordan Wildermuth
 - c. Staff and Township representatives present: Tina Houdek, Youth and Family Services Director, Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Township Trustee
 - d. Guest: None
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Reports:
 - a. Trustee Liaison report- none available
 - i. Holiday Programs and Toy Drive will be coming soon. The township is anticipating over 1,500 children and youth partaking in the Toy Drive this year.
 - b. Director Report – Director Houdek provided the Committee with several department highlights.
 - Assistant Director of Clinical Services Pamphile met with Principal Alegria at Oakhill Elementary school regarding implementing school groups for students identified as needing SAIG group intervention.
 - Director Houdek and Manager's Dickinson and Callahan began first round interviews on October 3 for the Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist position.
 - Manager Dickinson and Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator Trujillo volunteered for the Alignment Collaborative for Education annual Explore event on October 5 in partnership with School District U-46.
 - Director Houdek attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Hanover Landings on October 5 in Elgin, Illinois.
 - Youth and Family Services staff participated in an all-day retreat on October 11.

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- Director Houdek and Committee on Youth Chair presented New Leaders in Education recognition awards on October 12 to Principal Paige Moran of Streamwood High School and Principal Richard Lebron of Tefft Middles School.
- On October 17 Director Houdek attended the Resource Breakfast hosted by the Department of Human Services.
- Manager Dickinson presented to Judson University students on October 17 regarding undergraduate internships opportunities at the township.
- Director Houdek and Manager Dickinson met with Ashlee McHaney, Assistant Director of Plan Operations, on October 18 to discuss next school year's Open Gym program and locations.
- Youth Program Assistants Carranza and Clements represented the township at the Annual Trunk or Treat event hosted by Hanover Park Park District on October 20.
- Manager Dickinson and Administrative Assistant Herrera volunteered for the Halloween Fall Event at the Astor Avenue Community Center on October 25.
- Youth and Family Services hosted the annual Hanover Haunts event on October 27
- ATCOY presented Savannah Widmann

V. Unfinished Business: None

VI. New Business

a. Approval of October 23, 2023 Minutes: Motion to approve by Dr. Ariel Correa, second by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion carried.

b. Election of Officers:

Chair - Motion to approve Chair was made by Nazneen Hashmi and seconded by Bill Henderson. Motion Carried.

Vice Chair - Motion to approve Vice Chair was made by Bill Henderson and seconded by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion Carried.

Secretary - Motion to approve Secretary was made by Nazneen Hashmi and seconded by Bill Henderson. Motion Carried.

Below are the nominations from October 23, 2023:

Chair Nominations - Dr. Ariel Correa nominates Jordan Wildermuth and seconded by Bill Henderson

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- Vice Chair - Bill Henderson nominates Savannah Widmann and seconded by Nazneen Hashmi
- Secretary - Bill Henderson nominates Dr. Ariel Correa and seconded by Nazneen Hashmi and Savannah Widmann
- c. Adult Member Recruitment
 - i. We have 3 youth members and that is exciting as usually we only have 2 youth. We have marketed for this and continue to do so on our website.
 - d. Task Force on Community Education Supports
 - i. The task force will meet for the next year and a half to come up with recommendations for the Hanover Township Board. The task force is looking to provide a more in depth report after a few more of their meetings. The Task Force is looking to share more information with the successes that the Township has had with SD U-46. In response to research and a report on Quality of Life. A portion of the survey looked at Education, graduation rates, attendance and other areas like health insurance and other needs as well as services. One glaring gap was the educational attainment area. COY had conversations about this and the impact that Hanover Township can have and so the Township approved a task force to take shape around this and other items.
 - e. Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Member Roles - The event will be this Friday, December 1, 2023 from 5-8pm at Izaak Walton Youth Center. Tina is looking for support from COY.
 - f. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update
 - i. Transportation for students will be provided and dropped off at Huff Elementary for youth to attend activities at the center. Working with Huff to get a list of students being dropped off and counting on marketing from PTO/PTAs, as well as visiting High Schools to gain some interest.
 - g. Celebration of Leadership - waiting on dates from Township and the date will go up by the end of January for thai event. Waiting on finalization of the date for Supervisor Award ceremony. May 21st is the date currently being considered for the Celebration of Leadership reception. The committee discussed marketing for the

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applications and specifics to the application. The committee shared verbiage in the application with regards to the relationship to awardee and to include verbiage about the nominator not living within the same household. The committee also discussed adding examples such as friends, neighbors, community members, etc.

- VII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn was made by NazneenHashmi and seconded by Eesha Alaparathi. Motion carried at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Dr. Ariel Correa, Secretary of Youth and Family Services

Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2024—Downey Hall

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