

Committee on Youth Meeting

Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2024

- I. Call to Order: A meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 6:34pm by Jordan Wildermuth on February 26, 2024 at 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.
 - a. Members present: Jordan Wildermuth, Savannah Widmann, Bill Henderson, Nazneen Hashmi, Mahitha Ratakonda, Eesha Alaparthy, Rob Wojtowicz.
 - b. Members not present: Emily Fagan, Ariel Correa
 - 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 Beattie provided a trustee liaison report and highlighted several upcoming events including Hoppin for Hanover, Sprint to Spring 5K and potential renovations outside at the Izaak Walton Youth Center.
 - b. Director Houdek provided the Committee with several department highlights and asked the Committee to consider volunteering at Hoppin for Hanover and to indicate availability on the google doc that was emailed to Committee members.
- V. Unfinished Business: None
- VI. New Business
 - a. Approval of the November 27, 2023 minutes: Motion to approve by Nazneen Hashmi, seconded by Rob Wojtowicz. Motion carried.
 - b. Adult Member Recruitment: Director Houdek stated that she would like to add at least one youth member and 1-2 more adult members and asked the Committee to continue to do outreach to those who might be interested in applying.
 - c. Task Force on Community Education Supports Update: Alignment Collaborative for Education (ACE) gave a presentation at the February 5, 2024 meeting. The Committee had a robust discussion about issues pertaining to student achievement.
 - d. Izaak Walton Youth Center Update: Director Houdek referenced the previous update about potential outside renovations to improve safety.
 - e. Celebration of Leadership
 - i. May 21, 2024
 - ii. Nomination Form: The form is live on the website and Committee members can begin promoting.
 - iii. Promotion: It was suggested that a slideshow with pictures of COY activities be available at the event.
 - iv. Roles: The following roles were assigned.
 1. Introduction of New Leaders in Education – Ariel Correa
 2. Rising Star – Rob Wojtowicz
 3. Junior Leader – Mahitha Ratakonda
 4. High School Leader – Eesha Alaparthy

5. Community Leader – Nazneen Hashmi
 6. Principle – Savannah Widmann
 - f. Practices around Transitioning Adults: Motion by Bill Henderson to recommend approval of the Therapy Fees Practices and Procedures, seconded by Nazneen Hashmi. Motion carried.
 - g. Next meeting date: The committee agreed to move the next Committee meeting from March 25, 2024 to April 1, 2024. Director Houdek will make the change and ensure proper notice is provided.
- VII. Adjournment: Bill Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mahitha Ratakonda. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.
- VIII. Next Meeting Date: April 1, 2024 – Downey Hall