

Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes

August 7th 2013

In Attendance: John Williams, Bob Giles, Julie McCarthy, Tom Bilyk, George Bailey, and Dick Barrett.

This meeting had no quorum.

Approval of last meeting's minutes: motioned by Bob Giles, seconded by Julie.

No public comments.

No liaison reports.

Director's report:

Face-It: Had 25 people involved when sessions ended for the summer. There are 7 more from adjudication to go through the program once it begins again in the fall. Will probably have about 25-30 involved by October. However, there will not be a second session opening up. Some new staff will be trained, possibly another supervisor. Ultimately the program is proving to be a success.

John will be meeting with Robert Anderson to discuss the adjudication process. They will be talking about things in regards to money for adjudicating youth involved in "knuckle head" stuff and a review of the system as a whole.

Susan continues to attend adjudication and there seems to be a good consistency. Parents are faced with the choice to pay the fine or other consequences. Susan is doing a great job.

Summer programs are starting to wrap up.

Interventionist sat in on a training at Concordia.

Two young men were shot and killed over the summer.

A runaway was found by one of the Motivational Mentors- and went through a court process.

John spoke to Rotary about a Peace Conference and is reconfiguring it at a later date.

John talked about the issues that connect Oak Park and the Austin neighborhood and how youth go between the two communities.

Community Mental Health Board is starting a training program around this issue with IRJ providing 8 hours of training. This program will start in September. There is also an extended training commitment for a year, looking to get staff trained in it. George gave a summary of the August 7th CMHB meeting.

Rena's time here is coming to a close, so she is saying goodbye to people who she has worked with. Youth Services has been positively talked about to those in the intern program. The committee talked more about the pro's and cons of getting involved with that program and what programs could be started in conjunction with the internship program.

Stephen Jackson attended MSAN Training at Harvard.

30 people attended a meeting for the Yes! Group mentoring, there will be another meeting August 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.