

Youth Services Committee Meeting
December 6th 2017

Meeting called to order at: 6:57 p.m.

In Attendance: George B., Eric D., Sarah M., Natalie W., Dave Y., Dick B., Karen T., Cal D., Ashley S.

Approval of last meeting's minutes: Motion to approve made by Dave, Seconded by Dick.

Public Comments: None

Director's Report: The new FY18 Contract request Forms have been made public. The request forms were emailed out to past and current contractors, posted on the Township's webpage, the Township's official Facebook page, the Youth Network Council email list and the PTO's for each of the schools in both District 90 and District 97.

The first session of Cargo Circles is reaching their halfway point. Facilitators are conducting weekly sessions in the 5th grade classrooms at Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier and Irving. Youth Services committee member, Dave Yamashita has begun co-leading circles.

On Monday, November 27, John made a presentation at the D97 School board meeting to describe Cargo Circles.

It is a busy time for our Interventionists. Each Interventionist is working hard to get their families resources and prepared for the upcoming holiday season.

Oak Park Liaison Report: The board has been discussing the renewal of the IGA contract and the matters regarding our Senior Services Transportation.

River Forest Liaison Report: Our new River Forest Liaison, Karen Taubman, attended. River Forest passed their 2018 levy the night before. Over 20 kids signed up for Sibshops in the fall and winter planning is underway. The Loss support group continues to meet at the River Forest Township and is doing very well. Teens from as far as Orland Park and Highland Park come to get support so it has been a very encouraging response.

Old Business: Some contractors have reached out with questions about the committee's new focus for the upcoming funding cycle. At previous meetings, the committee discussed the programs that have been funded in the past that will fall outside of the vision. While the committee acknowledges the importance of these programs, they would like to focus their efforts on helping youth during transition periods and are committed to funding programs that meet that criteria.

New Business: The committee is gearing up for another season of contract reviews and discussed the idea of inviting contractors to come in and interact with the committee. With the committee's decision to redefine the focus, they feel it is very important to have a chance to meet with potential contractors to discuss those contract changes and present their expectations. The committee decides to host a meet & greet on Wednesday, January 10th so that information can be shared, terms defined and have contractors be part of the conversation.

At last month's meeting Youth Services Committee member Willie, suggested having committee members attend other board meetings to exchange information about the work that the Youth Services Committee does ***especially with regard to contracting for programs and get out information about the focus for this coming budget and contract request cycle.*** The committee discusses which boards would be beneficial to the work they do and determine that they will focus on D90, D97, D200, both libraries and the Park District.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:36 P.M.

Motioned by: Sarah M., Seconded by Natalie W.