

Youth Services Committee Meeting
February 1st 2017

River Forest Library – Connections

- Members would like to see more innovative programming
- Would like to see the library reach out to schools to make them aware of the activities going on at the library

Concordia Robotics

- Even though this is a Summer program, they are doing mentoring all year round
- Mentors are recruiting amongst themselves
- Overall, members think this is a great program and really enjoyed having the opportunity to hear a first-hand account of how the program went from Dr. G and one of the mentors from the program.

Apprentice Scholars

- Members questioned why program administrators thought this was a more attractive than the previous program EXCELerated
- Members feel like there are some feasibility issues regarding this proposal specifically; timing issues (proposed as a Summer program), transportation issues and recruitment issues
- Members would like to see some confirmation that the schools listed in the request are indeed committed to working with the Apprentice Scholars Program
- Questions about the time/budget
- Members did not feel like this fit the criteria of a “STEM” program

READ

- Based on the request, it doesn't seem like they are targeting kids to serve it is more of a “self-selected” basis
- Some members felt like this wasn't a program that needed to be funded by the Township. Instead, they could recommend youth apply for an FAS (Financial Assistance Scholarship) with the Township.

OPRFHS - Intramurals

- Members agreed that they thought this was a valuable program as it allows youth an opportunity to play sports. Because most teams make cuts from their lists, this allows youth to still play and participate in sports they may have been cut from

PaperHeART

- River Forest members questioned what the recruitment plans were for this program to get more River Forest youth to participate in it. It is listed as a joint (serving 50% OP and 50% RF), however last years program (also contracted as a joint) served ore OP youth than RF. According to their final report their breakdown was: 14 OP youth, 6 RF youth and 5 from other communities.
- Members were disappointed to see FY18's request was not being proposed as a Summer Program

- This request also differs from their FY17 proposal in that it is listing two different programs – Young at Heart, a tuition based, 12 week program and PaperHeART; an 8 week program.
- Questions about budget breakdown – 90 hours is listed, but members only see 42 hours accounted for