

Youth Services Committee Meeting  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Meeting called to order at: 7:16 PM**

**In attendance:** John W., Ade O., Dick B., Ashley S., Jane H., Cal D., Carla S., Pat B., Amy H., Keith B., George B.

**Public Comments: None**

**Director's Report:**

As we close out the fiscal year, we came in under budget on contracts and over on Financial Aid Scholarships. A large portion of FAS requests came from the high school. To remedy that, John has reached out to several people at the high school and encouraged them to submit a contract request, like they have done in the past, so funds can be set aside for these requests. The Oak Park board has held several meetings and approved the contract budget. Face-it's numbers are back on the upswing with 9 new families joining last month.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Oak Park:** The Oak Park board has shown great appreciation for the hard work the committee has done and the diligence they have shown while reviewing contract requests. Interviews for the open Youth Interventionist position are ongoing with 3 more happening this week. There are openings on both the Youth Services Committee and Senior Services Committee.

**River Forest:** Carla attended two really good meetings on the issue of substance abuse. One was a panel sponsored by IMPACT and the other was a township meeting that was presented by SAMHSA. A great exchange of information was shared at both events, but they are always looking for ways to get more attendees. Final planning is occurring for Celebrating Seniors week.

Dr. Tyra Manning presented her book, Where the Water Meets the Sand at the Oak Park and River Forest library. It was another great event that touched on issues about mental health. The volunteer fair was a great success. It was well organized and had a great turn out. Attendees were enthusiastic about volunteer opportunities.

Legislation has been a main focus. Senate bill 388, a Township consolidation bill passed quickly and unanimously. The bill does not mandate consolidation, but permits it. Carla and Ali, Assessor for Oak Park Township, and some others, have been working on getting a feasibility plan, cost analysis and implementation plan built into the legislation to gain a better understanding of why this would be advantageous for Townships.

**New Business:**

The Township is gearing up the pilot program for mentoring. This would take place over the Summer to then take off this Fall. The idea for a committee retreat was presented. Because we have some new members and open positions are available, John thought it might be helpful for the committee members to get to know each

other a little better and to have an opportunity to discuss some topics more in depth. The committee is thinking that this might work well in the Fall.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:29 PM **Motioned by:** Amy H.