

Youth Services Committee Meeting

November 6th 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:52 by board chair, Jim F.

In attendance: Pat B., Bob G., Carla S., Mary C., Valerie W., Jim F., Molly U., Lynn H., Julie M., John W., Danielle V., Dick B.

Motion to accept minutes as presented: Motioned by Bob, seconded by Valerie- passes unanimously.

Liaison reports:

Oak Park: Highlights from Oak Park Township Board meeting were as follows- Township won Illinois Green Association award for good use of resources. The Township is gearing up for the 2013 tax levy. There will be strategic planning meetings going on the next few months with a consultant that specializes in Non-Profit strategic planning.

River Forest: All spots of River Forest Committees have been filled. They are gearing up for their tax levy also. Carla has been doing a lot of work in the community reaching out to seniors regarding what resources they feel will be helpful to them and the like. The Connections program at the River Forest Library has gone through some transition as they have made renovations to the space they use for that program. Carla said this was a huge success and a minimal usage of resources but with great effectiveness.

Directors Report:

Face-It has begun an agreement with Trinity and Fenwick where they can pay to send their students since some of them are not RF/OP residents. The first check has come and the first batch of students is enrolled in the program now. Face-It also just had a training session where three more facilitators were trained, they will be shadowing the next few sessions and then begin taking lead on their own shortly.

TIME has just finished working with a batch of youth from the summer and spring, and just received nine more referrals. Susan is working out a new reporting style that tracks which communities youth come from for more detailed data.

John went with a batch of students from OPRFHS to Concordia to do a career interest survey and take a tour of the campus- a program which he collaborated with Concordia, the YMCA, and township. He is hoping to reach out to 8th graders as well.

Mentoring: M&M and YES! Have about 60 kids and are doing well. Stephen is working on how to spend his time in the school but not specifically in one classroom or another, he is really trying to work on doing more group work oriented things because that seems to be having positive results.

Rotary: Bob and John are working on things to try and get something started between Rotary Early Act. John also is attending a Peace/Mentoring event this weekend.

Interventionist: Rob has been attending the UIC training for the team and relaying what's been going on so to try and keep team members available to do other work still. They have been doing a lot of presentations to the schools- they have presented to about 220 kids. John attended a Hunger Banquet at Roosevelt that he thought was really effective. There will be more presentations over the next few weeks as well.

The committee discussed program visits and how members would try to team up with each other to make sure sites were visited and evaluated.

There was also discussion of upcoming contract renewals and how we will handle networking and submission for the next fiscal year. It will be held the first Wednesday of December (the 4th) in the Senior Services Dining room. We will provide food from 5:15-6:15. At 6:30 we will start with round table discussions in the same format as last year, trying to be finished by 8.

Rotary is doing a fundraiser called "Festival of Trees" which both local townships are teaming up to have a tree decorated and submitted to the festival. Molly U. has agreed to head that up and will be working on gathering and decorating it next weekend. Volunteers are needed so please contact her if interested in getting involved. For more information about the festival you can check the rotary website or quadcitiesfestivaloftrees.com.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 by Bob G. seconded by Valerie.