

Youth Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 7th, 2011

Attendance: Committee members George Bailey, Dick Barrett, Tom Bilyk, Pat Bowman, Margot Clayton, Judy Crivoli, Jim Fitch, Bob Giles, John Hagensick, Ann Pepper, Bill Planek, Marge Trybus, Valerie Werner

Also attending: Veronica Krawczyk, RFT; Dorothy Reid, Roberta White, John FS Williams, OPT

Call to Order: Jim Fitch called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Approval of Minutes: Oak Park: Pat moved to approve the minutes from the August 3rd meeting; Valerie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

River Forest: John H. made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3rd meeting; Judy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Francesca Santaniello

Director's Report:

- Director Williams met with representatives from Rosecrance regarding possibility of sharing resources to end of providing substance abuse assessments gratis to Oak Park/River Forest Youth residents on site at Township. Meeting again Tuesday, September 6th with Township Manager Gavin Morgan, CMHB Director Lisa DeVivo, and representatives from Rosecrance.
- Director Williams met with representative from RF group "M.O.B.", Moms of Boys. Network of mothers of 8th grade lads in RF. Discussed programming possibilities, especially groups around issue of substance abuse and bullying.
- Director Williams attended conference in Mendocino California on Mentoring. Intensive 6 days in Redwood Forest Camp, one of the last 2 CCC projects in National Parks still in use. Incorporating numerous ideas, tactics, and approaches into work we do every day. Great use of poetry, literature, storytelling, journaling, and music. Networking continuing daily.
- Planning out next several months of activities including monthly Parent Cafés, working with SADD towards march/rally in October/November, work continues on the legal front aligning local ordinances between Oak Park and River Forest Communities etc.

Liaison Reports:

Veronica Krawczyk, RFT – Contract hearings for Senior Services is scheduled in the next month. The budget and levy process will be underway soon as well. ❖ Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program has started too, and works out of the Township office at River Forest Community Center. If you know of anyone in need who does not have a referral person, please call. Dorothy Reid, OPT – Taxing bodies in both communities are on board with the second year of the two-year IGA. OPRFHS and Oak Park Township will contribute at a slightly higher rate. All the parties agree to the value of the program, in spite of financial issues. ❖ The new building construction has been put out to bid. ❖ Board is investigating the sale of lighters to youth.

New Business: Mentoring Program at OPRFHS

- See attached budget information
- Program involves motivational mentoring which has been held for several years at OPRFHS, during lunch with three mentors. Funding for food and request for mentor training is being requested from Youth Services.
- Committee discussed evaluation methods that can be used to align with academic goals and literacy initiative
- John W. will contact key people to arrange a meeting with YSC members to further discuss implementation

Old Business

No old business to discuss

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm