

Youth Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 3rd 2011

Attendance: Committee members Dick Barrett, Tom Bilyk, Margot Clayton, Judy Crivoli Bob Giles, Marge Trybus

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

Call to Order: 6:45pm

Public Comments: Judy Lift, Oak Park resident, introduced herself to the Committee

Minutes: There were no minutes to approve

Director's Report:

- IGA update: River Forest Park District has agreed to pay into the agreement for the 2012 year of the two-year agreement; however, they will not sign the agreement.
- FACE-IT: More people than anticipated completed the pilot – 13/34. Most attendees are male and Caucasian, with marijuana and alcohol the primary substances. The facilitators felt very good about the way the program went, and even talked about the possibility of expanding into two sites.
- Mentoring initiative: Focus to start again in the fall. Possibility of Beth Ryan and Margo Bristow to develop a program at Hephzibah, with teens mentoring younger children.
- Update on Job Program/Work in Progress: one more session, then graduation on Tuesday, August 9th. Attendance rate at the weekly sessions is 90%, and participants have all reported for work as scheduled without missing any shifts.
- Pillars will be closing their Oak Park branch in several weeks.
- Rev. Mark Thompson, who developed the Friday Night Place program, has passed away. Oak Park Township Board of Trustees made note of his service to the community at their last meeting.
- Marge and John W. will meet with Concordia to discuss mentoring program.

Liaison Report: Veronica Krawczyk, RFT – Avis Rudner is the new General Assistance administrator for River Forest.

New/Old Business

No other business to discuss.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8pm.