

Youth Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2011

Attendance: George Bailey, Pat Bowman, Margot Clayton, Judy Crivoli, Jim Fitch, Bob Giles, John Hagensick, Marge Trybus, Valerie Werner,

Also in attendance: David Boulanger, Bert Patania, Dorothy Reid, Roberta White, John FS Williams – OP Township

Call to order:

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Presentation: OPT Supervisor David Boulanger presented to the Committee the latest updates on the recently acquired building for the new Senior Services facility:

- Contractors started work today
- A new bank with a drive-up window will add unexpected traffic to the area
- The new building will be much more footage than what Senior Services currently has
- Total cost for the renovation – including unexpected costs – is already in the fund balance, so no additional tax monies will be required

Director's Report:

- Gavin Morgan, Township Manager and John following up with Rosecrance to work out details for Township to host staff from Rosecrance performing comprehensive substance abuse assessments to no cost to OP residents – youth and adults. Set to start November 10th.
- Update on FACE-IT: Program Administrator Bert Patania reported the current participant families is 13. Also reported – a decrease in incidents at OPRFHS.
- John facilitated a Parent Café October 19 at Roosevelt Middle School in RF sponsored by IMPACT and the PTO. Props to PTO co-president [Anna Schaidler](#) who did a great deal of prep work on the materials, Kris Raino Ogden who Chairs IMPACT, a dozen Café table facilitators and District 90 Superintendent Ed Condon, Interim VP of Roosevelt Lisa Groves, who attended and hosted the event. IMPACT's count was 50 plus total including 33 new parents; that is, first time attendees of a parent café. Participants reviewed a "case study" of an underage drinking/drug party in the World Café format. The next café is set for November 7th.

- Update on Job Program: Roberta reported that the job fair held last week had over 130 youth attendees, and 7 employers present. Pat Bowman, committee member, assisted in distributing surveys to the youth. Most were very positive, citing that the opportunity to meet face-to-face with potential employers as very valuable. Several employers expressed interest in holding additional workshops.

Liaison Report: Dorothy Reid, OPT – Gift Basket program is in full swing, many referrals. Also – the Board is starting the levy process.

Old Business:

- **Motivational Mentoring Update:** On-going in-depth consultation and discussion with Township Manager re: the Motivational Mentoring program, proceeding with those aspects of the program Youth Services can accomplish including
 - Training of staff described above by Director Youth Services on Wednesday evenings
 - Providing funding for half cost of staffing
 - Contracting with staff
 - Assigning Youth Interventionist Rob Simmons to provide on-site technical assistance with negotiating systems internal and external

New Business:

- **FY2013 Contract Request Process:** The Committee discussed the upcoming contract request process. The form should stay as is, with the three priorities of Substance Abuse, Literacy, and Job Readiness. The deadline for the requests to be completed, and a decision on whether to have another Meet and Greet with contractors, as was done last year, will be decided at the next meeting.
- Bob Giles reported on an interest to investigate a computer reading program called Lexia. The Literacy subcommittee will explore this separately.

Adjournment: Marge made a motion to adjourn, George seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.