

Youth and Family Services Committee Meeting
May 3rd, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 6: 11 PM

In attendance: Megan Traficano Youth and Family Services Director, Idalit Zavala Youth and Family Services Administrative Assistant, Anne Fussichen, Cal Davis, Ade Onayemi (OPT Board Liaison), Genevieve Grove, Deana Herrman (RFT Board Liaison), Roza Briskovic

Approval of last meeting's minutes (April, March, February): Cal motioned to approve, Anne seconded Passed a voice vote (all in favor), minutes approved.

Public Comments (if any): None

Director's Report: Attached you will find the YFS annual report. All of the programs (YEP, GOTR, Prevention Services, and the Community Justice program) have all grown. The YEP Team was asked by OPRF HS to provide grief support for the loss of Tank (security guard at the school). Megan was asked to be a part of a panel about Innovative Youth & Senior Programming at the Township Officials Cook County Spring Conference due to Oak Park Township's Youth and Family Services department flagged as innovative. Regarding contracted programs, River Forest Board voted to fund I-Search. Award Letters were sent out, Kuumba Kids and YourPassion1st have already reached out to express their gratitude. Dream Team informed us they will be declining the grant, they are restructuring in District 97, but Megan will reach out to Brooks principal. Welcome to Idalit, the new Youth and Family Services Administrative Assistant! Jacob is now the full time Community Justice Manager.

Liaison Reports (brief summary of OP & RF Reports):

Ade Onayemi OP: We are currently in Alcohol prevention month as well as celebrating seniors. Stated that unless residents are actively using Oak Park Township services, they are oblivious until they see their taxes. Assessor's been deluged with appeals. Three residents interviewing to be part of the Decennial Committee. CMHB is in the process of moving.

Deana Herrman RF: Supervisor Sloan invited committee to participate in the Memorial Day parade. River Forest's Assessor is leaving but the Deputy Assessor will be taking over full time.

Megan mentioned over 200 parents registered for Parent University, but only about half attended.

Old Business:

Anne sent names for people applying to be on the YFS committee, Megan said we have forwarded them to Kim, and she will be reaching out to set up interviews.

New Business:

Megan: today is a celebration. Thank you for all the hard work you all have done throughout the year. And all your diligent work in recruiting new programs, we appreciate all your efforts!

Miscellaneous Notes or info: Oak Park township may want to have an open house for the new offices. School Supply Drive is going to be August 11th, we will have a DJ, snacks, face painters. Our goal is to give out 250 bookbags this year, we do need 17-inch, sturdy bookbags! Also, we know that District 97 has a lot of refugee families, so we have Spanish speaking staff available to provide assistance.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:27 PM

Motioned by: Anne

Seconded by: All