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Youth and Family Services

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH MINUTES December 13, 2010

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth was called to order at 7:05 pm by Madam Chairwoman Dawna Watson, December 13, 2010 at Hanover Township Youth and Family Services, 250 South Route 59, Bartlett, IL.

Members present: Nicole De Falco, Trustee Mary Alice Benoit, Fernando Collazo, Officer Rob Wojtowicz, Katelyn Mucci, Dawna Watson

Staff present: Director John Parquette

Member absent: Ed Burnham, Jenna Szabo

Guests present: Three students in attendance from Streamwood High School as well as Tom Kuttentberg

2. **Approval of Agenda:** motion to approve and seconded to approve the meeting Agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** motion to approve and seconded to approve the minutes from November.
4. **Public Comments:** nothing at this time
5. **Youth and Family Services Department Report:**
 - Nikkole McQueen received the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Medal of Honor for her volunteer efforts at Open Gym program. Nikkole grew up participating in the program and came back as a High School volunteer.
 - Jenny Kleiman, LSW, is sitting on the Community Alliance Committee with U-46. She will be on the sub-committee for school violence prevention.
 - Alternative to Suspension Program received four referrals so far at Canton Middle School. YFS is working to streamline the referral process.
 - Director Parquette is working with Illinois Worknet Youth Division regarding career path development through education and testing as well as job coaching and placement. Negotiations are occurring to determining a possible partnership.

- Winter Open Gym schedule has been set. It will start Monday 12/20-12/29 at Bartlett Elementary, Elgin Recreation Center, Laurel Hill Elementary School and Tefft Middle School.
 - Peer Jury program is being reviewed by the Chief of Police of Streamwood.
 - NLU Caroling will be Wednesday 12/15/2010 at 6:00-8:00pm starting at Astor Avenue Community Center. The group will carol at Lexington Senior Center as well as caroling at a few houses on the way back to the center.
6. Liaison Report:
- The Board finished their planning retreat in November.
 - Meeting in December on 12/14/2010.
 - Board members and other elected officials will be participating in the Senior Variety Show at the Senior Banquet at Elgin Community College.
 - Hanover Township received several awards at the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Educational Conference in Springfield. Hanover Township won for Best Website and Supervisor Brian P. McGuire received two awards, one from the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth for the "Township Friend of Youth Award," and the "Supervisor of the Year" award from the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Service Committees. Director John Parquette was elected President of the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth.
7. New Business:
- Draft of Committee on Youth Annual Report was reviewed as a group.
 - Subcommittee reports were shared including updates on the Student Leadership Breakfast, Fund Raising, and Principal of the Year Award
8. Adjourn: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm.
Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Monday January 24, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole De Falco