

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2016**

PRESENT: Deanna Barash, Sue Campbell, Michele Fecht, Symantha Heath, Amy Knoth, Suzanne Lynn, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Libby Smith **ABSENT:** Lauren Romeo

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Libby Smith called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

PROGRAM REPORT: Director Sue Campbell reported that NYA loaned 61 Victorian costumes to students participating in the Heritage Festival field trip September 16. Many of the costumes in NYA's lending closet are donated by parents whose children have outgrown them or by volunteers who have sewn them specifically for the lending closet. Director Campbell also helped at Mill Race Historical Village on September 16 when third graders visit the village. She had an opportunity see many of the boys and girls wearing the costumes.

Director Campbell met in September with William Jones, the new principal of Hillside Middle School, and Marco Marando, the new principal at Amerman Elementary. She noted that Mr. Jones will not be continuing Challenge Day at Hillside and discussed implementation of a Makers' Club at the middle school. Director Campbell noted the Makers' Club is an opportunity to engage students in designing and constructing gadgets from used electronics. She noted that the program offers opportunities for students who might not have advanced academic skills to participate in activities such as Science Olympiad. It also has a strong student-to-student mentoring component and opportunities for community connections. Hillside would use the \$3,000 in NYA funds previously used for Challenge Day to fund the Maker's Club. Commission members asked Director Campbell to follow-up with Principal Jones about the specifics of the club, what makes it different from other clubs at the middle school, and how it aligns with NYA's mission.

In addition, Director Campbell also met with Northville Township Police Office Carrie Czelada, new liaison officer at Northville High School. Noting that there are several new Northville Township Police officers, Director Campbell will be meeting in October with Northville Township Police about NYA's services. In September, NYA's three social workers had eight diversion clients on their caseloads and are seeing five clients for counseling.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Campbell noted financials were on track. Brochures and printed materials will be handled by the end of the year.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. **NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Deanna Barash reported the Northville Board of Education will review a formal bond report in November with the largest facility issue at Hillside Middle School. Capacity — particularly at Moraine Elementary — continues to be an issue. It is anticipated that Northville High School will see an influx of 300 new students within the next five years. This year's anticipated 40-student increase district wide actually came in at a 10-student reduction.
- B. **CITY OF NORTHVILLE:** Marilyn Price said city road construction continues in several areas.
- C. **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP:** Symantha Heath reported that a lot of activity continues in the development of the Five Mile and Beck property. Meijer has pulled out of the project, and the

township is now meeting with the developer to consider a new plan for the site. She noted that approximately half of the development will be residential

OLD BUSINESS: The commission reviewed and approved the revised director's evaluation. Timeline for evaluation is as follows: After Director Campbell has completed the evaluation, it will be forwarded to all NYA Commission members to complete the *Commission Assessment of Overall Performance* section by November 1. Commissioners' comments will be compiled by November 8. Review and goal setting will take place at the December NYA meeting.

Director Campbell shared with the commission that she is considering a youth recognition program, and also is pursuing grant opportunities through the Northville Community Foundation and Main Street League.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.