

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 9, 2018

Present Director Amy Prevo, Michele Fecht, Nadine Harris, Mindy Herrmann, Amy Knoth (8:06), Suzanne Lynn, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Libby Smith

Absent Lauren Romeo

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by Chair Michele Fecht

While taking roll, it was announced that Commissioner Lauren Romeo had resigned, effective immediately.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 12, 2017 were reviewed. The document will be amended to reflect the correct title for Amy Prevo (from Interim Director to Director) and filed.

Election of Officers

The slate of officers for the 2018 Fiscal Year was reviewed:

Chuck Murdock, Chairperson

Libby Smith, Vice Chairperson

Amy Knoth, Finance Chair

With no other nominations from the floor, Marilyn Price made a motion to accept the slate as presented.

Suzanne Lynn supported the motion. Passed unanimously.

Chuck thanked Michele for her service.

Budget Review

Amy highlighted the fact that both the Township and City contributions were the same as last year. She will now work on a more detailed departmental budget.

Adoption of Goals

Following an opportunity to provide feedback and input via email in December, the Commission was very pleased with the goals as presented.

Mindy Herrmann made a motion to approve as presented. Libby Smith supported the motion. 2018 Goals were approved unanimously as presented.

Commissioner Suzanne Lynn thanked Amy for her good work in putting them together given unexpected time constraints.

Bylaw Review

Commission members were given a copy prior to the meeting to review. There were no questions. Mindy Herrmann made a motion to approve as written. Suzanne Lynn seconded the motion. The current bylaws were passed unanimously.

Policy and Procedure Review

Commission members were also given this lengthy document to review prior to the meeting. Given that there are some updates that need to be made due to department and programming changes and the Strategic Plan is being revised, it was agreed by all to leave the document as is and update at a more appropriate time.

Year End Review

Amy presented an excellent review of NYA programs for the 2017 fiscal year. It was noted that without the ThinkFast Program at the high school, our programming participants would be down for the year. This was due to some changes in programs that NYA has supported in the past.

It was also noted that the Diversion/Counseling/Mentoring participants have increased dramatically. There was discussion about the new small group sessions conducted in an effort to handle the increase. There was also much conversation about the increased number of drug related referrals from the high school and the impact on NYA.

Liaison Report

Northville Township – Mindy Herrmann provided an update on a new company moving in to the 5 Mile and Beck area – Tenneco Automotive.

City of Northville – Marilyn Price announced that City Council is holding their annual Goal session on Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Northville Public Schools –Nadine Harris, Director of Special Services more thoroughly introduced herself and provided an overview of her position within the district. She reiterated how nicely NYA's goals fit with some of the district goals dealing with the mental health and social well being of students.

She also added that they are training staff on restorative actions as part of recent state initiatives.

Old Business - none

New Business –

Michele reminded Commission members if they have any ideas of a Northville Township resident to replace Lauren Romeo to please let her or Sue Hillebrand, Township Clerk know.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 am.

The next regularly scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 8 a.m. at the Northville Community Center.