

**Elmhurst Youth Commission
Meeting Notes
January 26, 2015
District 205 Center, 162 S. York
12:30 pm**

In Attendance: Melea Smith Derek Schlager
 Lynn McCreadie Patty McKernan
 Sharon Karpiel Jackie Tamer
 Jan DeCoursey Mark Soehn

Absent: Karen Stezowski Jeff Kucera
 Mike LaSpisa Dan Corrigan

Meeting Called to Order: 12:35 p.m.

Public Comments: none made

Introduction of Guests: no guests

Review of December Minutes

 Motion to approve made by Mark Soehn.
 Seconded by Jackie Tamer.
 Approved.

Tasks for March 19 Exemplary Youth Service Awards Event

February

- Market, market, MARKET!!! – Websites, Talk205, Social Media, Friends
- After February 10: Review and number nominations
 - Nominations to judges by Feb. 12
 - Maintain master copies with name(s) and nominator info intact
- Send judges a cover letter of explanation (including deadline to return of Feb. 20) along with blind copies of nominations and rubric judging forms for each nomination
- Order plaques/name plates for award recipients
- Create/update invitation letter to send to nominators and nominees
- Ask City staff to collect RSVPs
- Create/update invitation letter to VIPs to be sent by City
- Finalize food and decoration arrangements

March

- Create certificates for each nominee
- Update Exemplary Youth Service Awards Program - 500 copies
- Prepare brief bio for award nominees
- Prepare brief bio for exemplary award nominees
- Send script to MC for review (send final copy to Comcast)
- Invite press to event

- Prepare name tags for award recipients (and their chairs)
- Arrange for balloons, banners, signs & food to be delivered
- Set up – day of event
- Reserve parking for Comcast truck (if applicable)
- Organize certificates and plaques for easy distribution on stage

Youth Job/Volunteer Fair

- Event is set for April 15th at York High School, 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- Kiwanis has donated \$2,000 to be used toward expenses
- Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 29th at 10:30 a.m. at District 205 offices with Park District, EPL, Junior Women’s Club, Kiwanis to firm up details

Fall Student Stress Forum

- Jan DeCoursey had planned to attend the Paul Tough seminar at COD, but was unable to do so; looking at him as a possible speaker; however, his fee is \$20,000 per engagement
- Jan spoke with Glenbard Parent Series organizer Gilda Ross, who had suggestions for alternate speakers/presenters
 - Sian Bielock (wrote the book “Choke”) would be \$7,000 – addressed toward parents
 - Kelly McGonnagal – “How to Make Stress Your Friend”
 - Bring in someone to talk to teachers about stress

New Business

- Mike LaSpisa has taken on a new job, and while he will remain on the Commission, he will need to be less involved due to time constraints
- Marcus Lemonis – suggested as possible speaker for any kind of anti-bullying awareness

Meeting adjourned: 1:35 p.m.

Next Meeting - February 23, 2015 @ the D205 Center