

**Minutes**  
**Elmhurst Youth Commission Meeting**  
**March 23, 2015**  
**District 205 Center, 162 S. York**  
**12:30 pm**

**In Attendance:** Melea Smith                      Karen Stezowski                      Mark Soehn  
Jan DeCoursey                      Derek Schlager  
Jeff Kucera                      Dan Corrigan  
Lynn McCreadie                      Jackie Tamer

**Absent:**                      Patty McKernan  
Sharon Karpiel

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

**Public Comments:**                      none made

**Introduction of Guests:**                      no guests

**Review of February Minutes**

Motion made to approve February meeting minutes – Derek Schlager  
Seconded by – Karen Stezowski  
Meeting minutes approved

**Debriefing of March 19 Exemplary Youth Service Awards**

- Two nominees claim they never received invitation, due to nominators not contacting them
- Concern that when people received initial invitation, people weren't sure if it was legitimate
- Feel that we need to re-establish guidelines of what constitute a "group" and if they should qualify for nomination; do we want to continue to honor groups of 30, 40 and 50 kids?
- Also, perhaps put limitations on how frequently a group/individual gets nominated
- Need to explain how "exemplary" winners are chosen, perhaps during the ceremony the MC should explain the process of nominations and judging
- Next year, possibly have more student speakers interspersed throughout the program
- Possibly move from multiple exemplary winners to a single "Volunteer of the Year"
- In order to avoid bottleneck, have volunteers at entrance guiding parents/guests into auditorium and the nominees to the table to get their nametags
- Very important to keep the ceremony at 1 hour
- Possibly offer winner a scholarship instead of a plaque

**Update on April 15, 2015 Youth Volunteer Fair/Job Fair**

- Meeting on Thursday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m.
- 7 businesses signed up to participate
- 14 volunteer organizations signed up to participate at this point
- Any volunteers should be at York around 2:45 p.m.
- Time of event is 3:30-7:30 p.m.

**Fall 2015 Student Stress Forum**

- Jan DeCoursey presented several options for fall speakers and/or programs that could be offered to foster community awareness of student stress effects. Due to time constraints, the decision was made for committee members to review options and to continue discussions at future planning meetings.

**Discussion of Succession Planning** – tabled to next meeting

**New Business** – none

**Meeting Adjourned** 1:50 p.m.

Next Meeting (April 20, 2015 @ the D205 Center)