

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2015

Present Deanna Barash, Sue Campbell, Amy Knoth, Sandra Larson, Chuck Murdock, Ken Roth (approx.. 8:20 arrival), Libby Smith

Absent Nancy Darga, Symantha Heath, Marilyn Price

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 by Vice Chairperson Sandra Larson

The minutes from the January and February meeting were reviewed. Both were approved.

Program Report

Director Sue Campbell expressed that she is making a huge push for mentors to be included in the April training.

Love and Logic class at Silver Springs is going well. There is a small surge in counseling services that Campbell attributes to a greater awareness in the community.

Campbell also highlighted upcoming mentor/mentee events and reminded Commissioners that they are always welcome to attend.

Financial Report

None – we will review next month.

Old Business

Campbell announced that Hillside will definitely be hosting Challenge Day. This year's program will run June 2, 3 and 4. They are looking for volunteers.

The Summer Camp Scholarship committee met. As a result of that meeting, it was agreed that it is imperative to ask about the financial situation of the grant applicant's family. It was recommended to use the "reduced lunch" parameters that the school district uses.

During the subcommittee process, Commissioner Symantha Heath had questioned the amount of grant funds being used for religious camps. Director Campbell sought legal counsel and the findings were presented.

Discussion ensued about whether or not to "cap" the available amount for grants, knowing that we will have limited funds available. The commission agreed to see how applications transpire this year (with the newly established financial restrictions) before making a final decision.

New Business

NYA has hired a new social worker that is helping out on a part time basis. Caarin Kogut completed her MSW at the University of Michigan and has experience as a school social worker and community mental health.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am.

**The next Commission meeting is Tuesday, April 14 at 8 a.m. at the
Northville Community Center.**