

**NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

PRESENT: Sue Campbell, Michele Fecht, Amy Knoth, Suzanne Lynn, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Lauren Romeo

CALL TO ORDER: Vice chairperson Michele Fecht called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting were approved as read.

PROGRAM REPORT: Director Sue Campbell reported that a fall mentor training will take place on November 9, 16 and 30 and December 7 and 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the Northville Community Center. Seven people have signed up for this training. The ten hours of training will focus on effective communication skills, cultural competence, Developmental Assets and program policies and procedures. Currently, there are two boys waiting to be matched but all girls are currently matched.

Director Campbell also provided an update on the Hillside Middle School Makers' Club program. The mission of the club is to foster peer connections in an encouraging and creative space as students design, tinker, code, craft, build and make. The Club is meeting on Tuesdays after-school and initial interest is very strong.

NYA received a donation of \$1000 from the Community Financial Credit Union as part of their Summer of Sharing program. A parent of two children in the mentor program nominated NYA for the donation.

In October, social workers Carolyn Kivell and Caarin Kogut had five diversion clients on their caseloads: Three for alcohol, one for shoplifting, and one for curfew. The social workers are also seeing three clients for counseling. Eight new diversion clients will begin services in November. Diversion referrals have almost double since this time in 2015 (18 → 34). NYA has hired a new mental health professional, Amy Prevo.

There is a Northville Today article about the Northville Youth Assistance coming out later in November.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Campbell noted financials were on track.

2017 GOALS: Director Campbell will be drafting 2017 goals and presenting them to the Commission at the December meeting. She asked the Commission for recommendations, which included focusing on the preparation of mentors and comparing the mentor program to two other programs. Director Campbell also plans to include a goal about developing a youth recognition program.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: None.
- B. CITY OF NORTHVILLE: Marilyn Price shared that a crosswalk between Kroger and Cabbage Town has been requested and is being reviewed.

C. NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP: None.

OLD BUSINESS: The commission discussed Director Campbell's performance evaluation. Vice-Chairperson Fecht will share the performance evaluation with Director Campbell.

Director Campbell provided an update on the Peer-to-Peer program. 43 8th graders submitted applications and attended 3 trainings and they are now beginning to be matched with 6th graders.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission congratulated Commissioner Lauren Poole on being named Northville Citizen of the Year.

Director Campbell will be out of the office for 3 days later this week.

Amazing Grapes, the Main Street League's fundraiser, will be held on Thursday, 11/17, from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are still available. There will be a giving tree benefitting NYA and either Director Campbell or a Commissioner will be there to answer questions about NYA and take donations.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.