

NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2017

Present Michele Fecht, Mindy Herrmann, Amy Knoth, Suzanne Lynn, Chuck Murdock, Marilyn Price, Libby Smith

Absent Deanna Barash, Director Sue Campbell, Lauren Romeno

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 by Chair Michele Fecht

The minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved as read.

Program Report – Director Campbell reported that the annual volunteer appreciation event, held on January 25 was very successful. It was a time to honor mentors for their incredible service. Several commission members, the NYA staff and many mentors/mentees were in attendance.

Financial Report – Director Campbell presented the financial ‘unofficial’ year end report for 2016. While the budget had allowed for use of the fund balance, actual expenditures weren’t as high as anticipated. The remaining \$2,678 in the Conrad Charitable Trust will be used for Summer Camp Scholarships in 2017 before being closed out at the end of this year. Also contributing to Summer Camp Scholarship funding for this year will be donations and grants received in 2016.

Liaison Reports

- a. **Northville Township** – Mindy Herrmann gave no report.
- b. **Northville Public Schools – no report**
- c. **City of Northville** – Marilyn Price announced that there will be a meeting on February 16 at 6:30 to discuss the progress with the Strategic Planning Committee. The meeting will be held at the Community Center.

Old Business –

- a. Chair Fecht followed up on an open discussion that was help at the January meeting regarding potential additional funding for NYA. She suggested we revisit the current Strategic Plan (2014-2019) in depth and look at changes in the community as well as the general landscape of the program before going any further with a discussion on fundraising. She will conduct a Doodle Poll of commissioners as well as school administrators to set a date for a ‘special Strategic Planning meeting’ within the next two months.

New Business –

- a. As part of the 2017 goals, a Youth Recognition Award is being explored. Director Campbell is looking at other communities and formalizing a description of what she thinks would be most impactful. She asked to put together a sub-committee to discuss ideas. Marilyn Price, Amy Knoth and Suzanne Lynn (with an alternate of Libby Smith) agreed to serve.
- b. Campbell also met with the Director of the Northville Community Foundation to discuss a more relevant partnership. The Foundation has officially added NYA to their current list of volunteers to help with the Farm, a Garden they are planning to create this spring/summer as well as other projects.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.

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