

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMISSION ON CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES  
April 4, 2019  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, COMMUNITY ROOM

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Kathy Ashcraft at 6:00 pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** , Ed Cherkinsky, Diane Hague, Anthony Lewis, Joan McGlincy, Anwar Mahmood, Bette Rose, Mitch Seelye and Sharon Snodgrass.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bette Rose and Brian Spitsbergen.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Farmington and Farmington Hills Council, City, or Staff Liaison members and Alternate and Associates members: Todd Anderson, Jessica Cummings, Becky Dworkin, Todd Lipa, Marla Parker and Laurie Scott.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION by Hague, support by Parker to approve the Agenda of April 4, Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES -March 7, 2019:**

MOTION by Seelye, support by Hague to approve the minutes of March 7. Motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Everyone at the Meeting introduced themselves.

**YOUTH DIVISION UPDATE: Todd Lipa:** The Youth Program is working on a 6<sup>th</sup> grade packet that will be sent out next week. The Summer Programs have been established. The percentage of students involved in the youth program has increased.

**ISSUES COMMITTEE UPDATE: Diane Hague:** This will be discussed in the Volunteer Recognition section.

**CALL TO ACTION UPDATE: Mitch Seelye:** There will be a seminar on Vaping on April 29 at the Farmington Hills Library on April 29, followed by a presentation at two schools on 5/6. The vapors have high nicotine content that have caused seizures. Drug take back day is scheduled for April 27. Pills can be dropped off at the Police Departments at any time, but no syringes.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION UPDATE: Marla Parker:** A complete review and recommendations is scheduled at breakfast at Scrambler Marie on April 10 at 7:30 Am. Ed will send out the nominations to be reviewed prior to the breakfast.

**SPOTLIGHT SHOW UPDATE: Sharon Snodgrass:** Filming begins in May. Laurie will speak about story time to four different age groups.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** There was a discussion of retaining the current officers until the Commission's normal election before the end of the year. The current officers that will be retained are Kathy Ashcraft, Chair, Bette Rose, Vice-Chair and Ed Cherkinsky, Secretary.

**MOTION TO APPROVE ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN THE FALL.**

Motion by Hague, support by McGlincy to Approve the Motion for a vote in the Fall, Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sharon Snodgrass:** We should update the mailing lists for members and liaisons. Also, the by-laws and our objectives should be updated.

**C.A.R.E.S.: Todd Lipa:** C.A.R.E.S. is now feeding 300 families, up 59% since September. Paulsons donated \$7,000 of audio equipment. Epic donated and will installed a freezer/refrigerator. RCI Electric is updating the lighting in the building and the parking lot. They have received a grant from DTE. Home Depot gave a large donation to renovate the rectory. It will be used for offices for C.A.R.E.S, Vets, etc. The bedrooms in the

Convent will be converted to facilities for a mental health facility and a home for SAFE. They are revamping the Church area by removing pews to create a “Snap Store” for Bridge Card holders. Only healthy products will be sold and it is the first store of its kind in Michigan.

**AAUW: Diane Hague:** They are sponsoring a Seminar on Sex Trafficking with a speaker from Sanctum House. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm. In the Farmington Hills Council Chambers in Farmington Hills City Hall.

**FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY: Laurie Scott:** Flyers and brochures were passed out. 3300 kids with 5600 families participated in Book Competition. April 23 at 7:00 pm. 130 students from 6 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in a book read with questions and answers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by McGlincy, support by Hague, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hague/Ed Cherkinsky