

**Hastings Youth Council Meeting**  
**James Harmon Community Center, Lower Level**  
**Wednesday evening, April 5, 2017 at 7:00pm**

**Minutes**

**Youth Council Present:** Jeff Edelman, Elizabeth Galletta, Mary MacDonald, Jeanne Newman, Anna Pearson, Karen Sokol, Lori Walsh

**Youth Council Not Present:** Liz Gabay

**Youth Advocate Program staff present:** Jill Iturbe, JoAnn Reed, Donny Waterous

**Hastings KIDS present:** Grace Aronoff, Tula Schapiro, Alex Weitzman

**I. Old Business-Updates**

**a.Hastings K.I.D.S Update: (Student Reps F.D., S.H., G.A.,S.S.,R.S.)**

- Winter Reading Partners review (S.H., E.G.)
  - very positive report from Amy Cazes Hillside principal, and also from parents
- Summer Reading Partners (E.G.)
  - Tula will post on Hastings KIDS, Grace will take the leadership role.
- Volunteer New York presentations-Peer leaders presentation, 9th grade presentation (FD, AW)
  - no updates from Francis regarding the PLs, Alex noted Mrs. Shaw is scheduling a presentation to the 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- -Middle School presentation occurred on Friday, March 24th.
  - Terry Frank SW in MS got grant from PTSA to start a service club in the middle school with the assistance of Volunteer New York.

- Hastings R.I.S.E (E.G.)

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/789449914537133/?ref=bookmarks>

Mission: Hastings R.I.S.E. is a community-based organization that promotes dialogue, action, community support, and continued learning about issues of racial, social, and economic justice and inclusion in the village of Hastings on Hudson. The organization takes action to identify and meaningfully address discrimination of any kind and to further cultivate and encourage diversity in our local community.

Junior RISE – teen group is starting, Tula will participate and report back to the group.

**b.March Madness (J.E., D.W.)-review**

-Jeff noted that 16-17 kids attended, There were some conflicts on this day since it was St. Patrick's Day and the 6th grade play so attendance was not as expected but those who attended enjoyed themselves.

**c.Mercy College-Hastings Youth Council Internship (L.W., E.G.)-update**

-Mercy intern started at Community Center and this is going well, she will be starting at Hillside on Fridays over recess this coming week

**d.Youth Employment Service (J.I.)**

-31 jobs since last meeting (snow removal, party aides, tutoring, child care, clerical, data, caddy, lifeguards, camps)

**e.Breakfast Run and Grace Community Table (A.P.)**

-AP wrote letter to the Enterprise, GCT April 30<sup>th</sup>

**f.What's Cooking?(L.G, J.N.), Help-a-Child (L.G.) and Project SHARE (J.N.)**

- April 19<sup>th</sup> next scheduled What's Cooking
- SHARE doing Project Prom; HHS involved in collecting rice for Rise Against Hunger , rice to be shipped to West Africa, Senegal and Haiti
- Help a Child – no update this month

**g. Enterprise Letters to Editor about Youth Council**

- Donny will write letter to Enterprise this month

**h. Youth Advocate Report/Drug-Free Coalition/Food Pantry (J.R., D.W.)**

- Drug-Free Coalition Update--invitation to community members to join coalition
  - tomorrow monthly meeting, open house for community, invited several new community members, Mayor, trustees, Community Leaders, the new Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
- College Visitation Carpooling for Needy Students (MM)
  - Mary met with Ms. Edwards, approximately 15 kids would fit into need for college visits, came up with list of schools in NY area, about 7 kids for each school; community visit suggested, possibly two trips fall and two trips in spring; September and April send out notification to students; J.R. reported there are a couple kids now needing to still look at schools to make a decision
  - Kaplan courses for SAT-Ms. Edwards inquired whether Youth Council might be able to help support students wanting to take the course(possibly get a reduced rate); Lori mentioned her husband would possibly volunteer to help students prepare for the verbal SAT
- Food Pantry-Fundraising Event to Benefit the Pantry-donated \$3200
- Yearly Fundraising Donations
  - \$3200 from Party for Good, auction and entertainment, no other donations

## **II. New Business**

**a. Bill Finkeldey Award**

- Donny Waterous will present the award at HS Senior Awards Night.

Next meeting May 3, 2017 at 7pm.  
Meeting was adjourned at: 8:04pm

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Galletta