

**Hastings Youth Council Agenda**  
**James V. Harmon Community Center Lower Level**  
**Wednesday, March 04, 2020, 7:00pm**

**Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum but all board members and staff sent in written updates. Karen Sokol, Elizabeth Galletta, and Amy Nichols also held a 8:00pm conference call to discuss the upcoming Harlem Rockets event.**

**I. Old Business**

**a. Harlem Rockets/Fundraiser/Social Event with Hastings Police Update (A.N.)**

- **Completed:**
- Assemblies at FMS and Hillside took place on 2/25 and were well-received
- -6 students won free tickets at the assemblies—Amy has the list of students and has contacted their families with info
- -Ticket site has been up since last Friday am--as of 3/4 we have 61 sold with \$542 revenue)
- -Friday morning the school email blast went out, PTSA fb page shared the event, and Amy posted on 10706Parents as well
- -Amy sent the event details to the Rivertowns Enterprise for their calendar.
- - Decision was made not to print out fliers for folders as the cost would be too high
- -Currently there are 8 faculty/staff playing (mostly Hillside) and 1 police officer, and 1 officer as the ref
- -Amy is meeting again with Chief Dosin and Lou Adipietro on Monday to finalize details
- **Still to do:**
- -Print and distribute fliers to post around town/in the schools-Elizabeth will print fliers at work. Karen emailed image to Elizabeth. 35 fliers will be printed to be hung at school and in local venues (library, community center, etc.)
- -Share event on Youth Council fb page, other Hastings pages-KS will put on Facebook page
- -Village blast-to go out on Friday, 03/06 and Wednesday, 03/11/20.
- -Recruit HS students and more Hastings faculty/HPD to play (reach out to EMT/ Fire Dept)?-Elizabeth successfully recruited her son, Francesco and gym teacher Amanda Bassman.
- -Concessions including water for the teams (towels not needed)-Elizabeth and Lori will be purchasing concessions (water, soda, candies (M & M's, Skittles, etc.) and chips)-will purchase from Costco the night before event.
- -Distribute 20 tickets to families in need .
- Also discussed the scenario if event would be cancelled due to coronavirus outbreak and perhaps picking an alternate date.

**b.March Youth Council Newsletter (K.S)-** Newsletter is completed and drafts sent out to Youth Council Board. JoAnn requested to add in an urgent request for donations to the food pantry since we are running low.

**c.Youth Employment Service (J.I.)**Jobs were filled in many areas in February including math tutoring, tech help, senior citizen companion, child care after school, evening babysit-

ting and help at a multi-day large estate sale. Several students have been hired for summer jobs as a result of the summer job info session last month, several people took Lifeguard Training over the February break, and more camps including Hastings Nursery School summer program locally, have contacted Jill for help finding staff. Camp 12 Trails from the JCC came to share information and conduct interviews on February 11th after school and the Director met with a group of students in the lobby.

**d.Youth Advocate Report/Drug-Free Coalition/Food Pantry (J.R., V.F)**

- Food Pantry- The food pantry is extremely low. An appeal to the community for donations will go out in the next few days. If possible, a link to the amazon wish list should be posted on facebook.
- Prevention Programming- Hillside Elementary school programming has resumed. All staff have been approved by the board of education. Communication with Jesse Merchant about the plans for the elementary school and high school have been ongoing. Plan to provide lessons in early spring.
- Other- Parks and Recreation may need help in fundraising the cost of scholarships for summer programs i.e.; day camp and pool passes. The anticipated need is \$25k.

e.**Social Media (K.S)**- Karen emailed Carrick to get login info.about instagram account since Carrick resigned from the Board.

f.**Mercy College/Hastings Youth Council Internship (L.W.)**-One of the new interns started this week at Hillside and the Community Center. The other new intern, passed the background check and the BOE approval, but she hasn't responded to any of my communications so not sure of her status. To be determined....

**g.Help-a-Child (A.C., L.G.)**

- 17 children, at least 5, without sponsors still
- Initial emails sent out to confirmed sponsors matching them with their child
- Still working on the final spreadsheet and shifting around existing sponsors with new children
- Looking for ideas to get new sponsors

h.**Hastings KIDS updates (E.G.)**-Sarah Walters agreed to be the new HHS faculty adviser for Hastings KIDS. Josh Blum respectfully asked to step down from the position.

- **Relay for Life- (E.G., L.W.)**Bracelet Fundraiser for RFL at HOH events-Will be selling bracelets at Farmers Market, with the first one on Sat 4/18 at the Community Center.
- **Reading Partners at Hillside Elementary**-12 Hillside students and 10 HHS volunteers participated. Jeanine Genauer interviewed Raneen Badaan about the program and posted in Hastings Happenings.
- **Grace Community Table and Breakfast Run**-Grace Community Table is this Sat 3/7 with about 4-5 volunteers signing up through our Google classrooms page.

**II. New Business-**

- **Two Vacant Youth Council Board Member Seats-Recommendations?** Liz Gabay spoke with Peter Swiderski/Tracy Piper about taking her seat on the board.

Peter just joined the board of the library and is reluctant to take on more. Liz has not spoken with Tracy directly but Peter seemed to indicate that while the Youth Council is so aligned with Tracy's interests, she may be too busy to take on more as well. Liz will follow up with her personally. Niki Armacost said that Trustee Mark Leaf is the person to contact when positions become available and need to be filled. Carrick Forbes should also send a resignation letter to Board of Trustees.

- **Family In Need of Housing- How we can help?** The family in need found housing and the Youth Council provided some assistance to the family for a security deposit and JoAnn Reed also provided a letter of support.
- **April 26- Spring Thing in Hastings Village- Youth Council/Relay for Life Table?—not discussed-tabled until April meeting.**