

**Hastings Youth Council Meeting
No Assembled Meeting—Electronically Submitted Updates
Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

Minutes

I. Old Business

**a.Hastings K.I.D.S Update: (Student Reps T.S., R.S., S.S., A.W., E.P., C.C, J.A.)
met at 6:30pm**

- Volunteer New York Presentations-9th grade volunteerism presentation is scheduled for March 13. Randy Shaw is coordinating it. Peer leaders presentation-is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 12th at 11:15-11:55am in Rm. This is being coordinated with Mr. Jeff Conwiser.
- Tula Shapiro led Hastings KIDS meeting on Feb. 7th about planning a dance-a-thon at the High School (tentative date is March 10 in cafeteria) in conjunction with the student council to raise money for cancer in memory of Mr. Foster.
- Winter Reading Partners is scheduled for four Thursdays in the month of March from 3-4pm in Hillside Library. Raphaela Sills will coordinate the students onsite and Ms. Adele Gorman will be the faculty representative at Hillside Library. Elizabeth Galletta coordinated the Hillside elementary student sign-up which has reached the maximum of 20 participants.

b.March Madness

- The annual March Madness event will take place at the Community Center on Friday evening, March 16th—multiple screens broadcasting the basketball games will be available.

c.Youth Employment Service(YES) (J.I.)

- January has been a very busy and productive month for the Youth Employment Service. 27 jobs were filled by students for 22 nearby businesses and residents. They included several tutoring jobs in math and science, jobs helping students stay organized and focused to complete their homework, one companion/buddy/mentor job for a young elementary school student, after-school child care, administrative help for a local business, administrative help for an after-school program in Dobbs Ferry, jobs at after-school programs, moving help, party aides and snow removal (pairings of snow shovelers with residents for the season is on-going).
- Jill Iturbe was contacted by a local landscape designer and 2 students are working for her to learn planning and implementation.
- A local author who has an upcoming national book tour has enlisted the help of 3 interns and she will teach them the entire planning and public relations process as they assist her.
- On January 9th the annual YES Summer Job Fair was held as a kick-off event to provide students with summer job information including applications, instructions for on-line applications, camp openings, country club jobs, golf course jobs, lifeguarding jobs at swim clubs, camps, apartment complexes

and several town pools and Lifeguard Training schedules at 10 venues. 75 students signed in on that first day during lunch and after school. The information is always available and has been given to many more students since the kick-off. Jill was able to negotiate a discount in the cost of Lifeguard Training classes in addition to the reasonably priced class given by Hastings Village. This allows students who aren't available for the Hastings course to have more options.

- On Sunday, January 14th Jill attended a Westchester Camp Fair designed for parents of campers, at which she made contacts for 6 new summer programs eager to hire Hastings students.
- There are now 30 summer camp programs in Westchester and Rockland where our students apply for summer jobs. Jill has already been contacted for references, and several students have already been hired.

d. Mercy College-Hastings Youth Council Internship (L.W.)-update

- There are three, senior, Mercy College students who have been approved for the Mercy College internship this semester (Samantha, Casey, and Ashley). Lori Walsh is supervising the program and is meeting with them once per month as a group and individually on an as-needed-basis. The Hillside principal, Amy Cazes is their point person at the school and has been very supportive. JoAnn and Donny are supervising them at the community center and have indicated that they have been a huge asset.
- Three additional applicants also applied for the internship and were recommended to reapply next year since the maximum number of interns had already been accepted.
- Lori Walsh and Elizabeth Galletta are working on a method to evaluate these internship students.

e. College Visits Organization (E.G., K.S.)

- No update.

f. Breakfast Run and Grace Community Table (A.P.)

- Grace Church hosted the monthly Grace Community Table on Saturday, February 3 with volunteer help from the Confirmation class at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Hastings. In addition to eight youth and four adult volunteers, GCT hosted twenty four guests. The food was delicious, and a wonderful time was had by all! The next GCT will be held on Saturday, March 3.

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

- There was no What's Cooking in the month of February due to scheduling conflicts but will resume in March.
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h. Youth Advocate Report/Drug-Free Coalition/Food Pantry (J.R.)

- Youth Advocate Program Report
Afterschool Program: The after-school drop-in remains very popular among

middle school students with a few high school students as well. Our daily numbers reach 35-60 on average. The new Mercy college interns have been a wonderful addition to the program. Each has quickly acclimated and are beginning to form relationships with the kids. Samantha is particularly motivated and has already created some quick group activities.

- Food Pantry: The food pantry received a HUGE donation from the food drive organized by the Hastings Teachers Association. Our shelves are well-stocked with lots more in storage areas.
- The Hastings Booster Club reached out to Elizabeth regarding donating food to the Food Pantry after the Sectional Wrestling event Feb 8-9, and also later in the month after the Varsity Athlete dinner Feb 28. Elizabeth and Sebastien Scioscia are coordinating this donation effort.
- The W.A.Y.: The application for DFC funding is underway. The application is due at the end of March. The coalition will host a parent presentation on February 28th to present the data from the multiple surveys that were conducted during 2017.

II. No New Business.

Minutes submitted by Karen Sokol
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