

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, March 10, 2015
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Hamet.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mollie Peterson, Mark Fricke, Jeff Pellerito, James Ridders and Robert Hamet.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacey Randolph.

OTHERS: Amber Long, Scott Russell, Brad Storms and Faye Goldner.

IV. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the board at this time ~ Comments are limited to five minutes

V. Approval of Regular Agenda

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Ridders** to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the February 10, 2015, Regular Meeting

It was moved by **Fricke** and supported by **Peterson** to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 10, 2015, regular meeting.

VII. Communications

A. Director's Report - Mrs. Amber Long

Mrs. Long updated the Board on the following:

- Current enrollment is 45 students
- ACT testing was given on March 3rd and 4th
- Currently YAA will need to make up two snow days
- Spring break will be April 3 – April 12, 2015

B. Update on Potential Board Members

Mrs. Long provided an application to a graduate of 2006 who is interested in sitting on the Board of Directors.

C. Comments from Board Member –

Trustee Peterson shared concern over a conversation that occurred at a previous board meeting where she felt disrespected by a fellow board member, and, did not feel supported by the other members.

She requested that more discussion be held and that topics involving race be more open and each member's opinions be considered fairly and that the Board works as a team and feel they can express themselves openly and transparently.

President Hamet read a letter of resignation submitted by Vice President Ridders, that will effective at the end of his term, July 1, 2015.

VIII. Regular Agenda

A. Financial Report, Including Ways to Reduce Costs & Increase Revenue

Mr. Brad Storms stated nothing unusual has happened since the last financial report. He indicated that federal revenue budgets have been approved and monies can now be drawn on those funds.

Mr. Scott Russell shared the following with the Board:

- Ombudsman is willing to amend the agreement to 47 students
- Mentioned wording in the contract that 44 students are needed to run the program
- YAA will only be charged for the number of students enrolled
- Ombudsman is willing to freeze the contract price at the present cost, for next year only
- Suggested that every January a new contract be negotiated

The amendments to the contract will be brought to the Board at the April regular meeting.

Vice President Ridders stated that Ombudsman has been fair and creative in the past to help make the program work and that it is very much appreciated. He also stated that he personally appreciates Mr. Russell's tenacity and involvement to work the Board in an effort to make the program successful.

B. Board Policy Update – 2nd Reading

It was moved by **Ridders** and supported by **Peterson** to approve the following board policy update for 2nd reading:

1. Table of Contents
2. Policies #1420, 2370.01; 5830 7540.02; 7540.03; 7540.04; 8330; 9211

ROLL CALL VOTE-

AYES: Peterson, Fricke, Pellerito, Ridders and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Randolph.

Motion approved

C. Approval of Future Random Selection Enrollment Process

It was moved by Ridders and supported by Pellerito to approve the resolution to approve the random selection enrollment process.

ROLL CALL VOTE-

AYES: Peterson, Fricke, Pellerito, Ridders and Hamet.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Randolph.

Motion approved

If needed, the lottery will be held at a regularly scheduled board meeting

D. Strategic Plan and Update

No report.

X. Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye L. Goldner, Recording Secretary

Robert P. Hamet, President

Stacey Randolph, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____