

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
ZOOM (SEE YAA website for link)
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
5:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting
The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
Members present: Will Brennan, Chuck Brown, Randy Fielder, Hal Jenson, John Lotz, Todd Mora, Latonia Raines (5:42 p.m.)
Others: Jon DeCou, Jeff Hamlin, Phillip Heasley
- IV. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Mr. Brown** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve the January 12, 2021 regular meeting agenda. The motion passed.
- V. Call to the Audience – Audience may address the Board at this time. Comments are Limited to Five Minutes
There were no comments from the audience.
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting
It was moved by **Mr. Mora** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to approve the December 8, 2021 minutes. The motion passed.
- VII. Communications
 - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jon DeCou
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives, Strategy Update
Mr. DeCou went over his Youth Advancement Academy Director's Report with the group. Current enrollment is at 36; 33 high school and 3 middle school. YAA returned to in-person instruction on Monday, January 4, 2021. The academy continues to be fully staffed. It was moved by **Mr. Lotz** and supported by **Mr. Fielder** to approve \$300 be used towards gift cards for student incentives. A roll call vote was conducted:
YAYS: Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Mora
NAYS: None
The motion passed.

It was moved by **Mr. Mora** and supported by **Mr. Brown** to approve a budget of \$4,000 for use on student instructional equipment to be used by **Mr. DeCou** as needed. A roll call vote was conducted:
YAYS: Brennan, Brown, Fielder, Jenson, Lotz, Mora
NAYS: None
The motion passed.
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Financial Report – Mr. Phillip Heasley
Mr. Heasley went over the budget with the group. There is nothing out of the ordinary.

- B. EPI Financial Function Proposal – Mr. Jeff Hamlin
Dr. Hamlin spoke to the board and presented the board with a fee for EPI to take over management of the YAA finances. There will not be a migration fee.
- C. Board Meeting (Zoom or On-Site) – Mr. John Lotz/Mr. Scott Ryder
The YAA board can continue to meet virtually through March 31, 2021.
- D. COVID Goals and Objectives Update and Approval – Mr. Jon DeCou
- E. COVID Procedures Review Checklist – Mr. Scott Ryder
Mr. DeCou covered this during the time he gave his director's report.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

- A. Next Meeting February 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Latonia Raines, Secretary/Treasurer

Date