

YOUTH ADVANCEMENT ACADEMY/OMBUDSMAN

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6750 Chime Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order Regular Meeting
The meeting was called to order by **Mr. Fielder** at 5:35 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
Members Present: William Brennan, Yvonne Davis, John Lotz, Randy Fielder, Mollie Peterson, Sandy Standish
Others: Rachel Black, Dave Campbell, Phillip Heasley, Scott Russell, Mandi Smith, Jason Walker
- IV. Approval of Agenda
It was moved by **Mr. Brennan** and supported by **Ms. Standish** to approve the agenda for the November 14th 2017 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed.
- V. Call to the Audience ~ Audience may address the Board at this time. Comments are Limited to Five Minutes
- VI. Approval of Minutes
 - A. October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting
It was moved by **Mr. Fielder** and supported by **Ms. Davis** to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed.
- VII. Communications
 - A. Director's Report – Mr. Jason Walker
Safety, Student Count, Faculty/Staff, Events, Initiatives
Enrollment is up to 33. Ms. Davis shared contact information for the library and mobile health unit with Jason. A discussion took place regarding expelled students from a local high school and the foster status of some students at YAA.
 - B. Meet & Greet Students – Mr. Jason Walker
 - C. Meet & Greet Faculty/Staff – Mr. Jason Walker
- VIII. Regular Agenda – Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Financial Report ~ Mr. Brad Storms
Mr. Storms distributed the current financial report. There was nothing out of the ordinary financially.

- B. Revised Financial Plan – Mr. Brad Storms
This report was provided at the October 10th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Storms reviewed what was discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Campbell thanked Ombudsman for working with the board on contract and compensation. A motion was made by **Mr. Fielder** and supported by **Mr. Brennan** to approve the amended contract with Ombudsman.
Roll Call Vote:
AYS – Brennan, Davis, Fielder, Lotz, Peterson, Standish
NAYS: None
The motion passed.
- C. Board Operating Policy Updates First Reading – Mr. John Lotz
- D. **Discussion:** Roles & Responsibilities (YAA/Ombudsman/KRESA) – **Mr. Scott Ryder** will facilitate the discussion. **Complete participation from all interested parties is critical.** Goals are to increase mutual understanding of roles & responsibilities; Identify where contract codification changes/elaboration of roles & responsibilities should be analyzed.
A copy of the roles and responsibilities, put together by Mr. Ryder, were distributed. A great discussion took place by all board members and others that were present. The concensus in the room was that there is great value in the partnership between the board, Ombudsman and KRESA, and the continued growth of those relationships. It is Important to be aligned in the decision making process. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the roles and responsibilities more in depth. **This topic was tabled due to respect for the time of others.**
- E. Operations Strategy Review with Ombudsman – Ms. Rachel Black
Ms. Black reported on recruitment and marketing, and the importance of Mr. Walker’s relationship with the probation officers and school administrators. Ombudsman’s focus is to build Mr. Walker up as the leader at YAA and help him facilitate the new relationships he is building.
- F. Discussion: Student Internships – Ms. Sandy Standish
- G. Strategic Plan Update, Discussion and Action – Mr. John Lotz
- Academic
 - Administrative/Personnel
 - Marketing/Financial
Identify eligible students. Seek out those who would be willing to write a check to Y.A.A.
 - Vocational
 - Board
- IX. Next Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
- X. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Smith, Recording Secretary

John Lotz, President

Randy Fielder, Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____