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Minutes from Human Services Committee Meeting March 3rd, 2016

Present: Carl Maniscalco, Fitness Center, Kelly Mickle, Senior Center, Tony Hollenback, Family Services

Board Liaison: Trustee John Jekot

Senior Center Updates - Kelly Mickle:

- Community Outreach/ Welcome Packet
- Annual Report
- Max Galaxy
- AARP Tax Aide Program – 170 tax forms were completed and e-filed.
- The NSC is beginning the process of seeking accreditation through NISC (National Institute of Senior Centers)

Fitness Center Updates - Carl Maniscalco:

- The fitness center has a new logo designed by the same firm that did the village logo.
- Memberships have increased by 208 memberships (10%) in the last 4 months.
- Expenses are down \$35,000 from FY 2016 budget. Payroll expenses for part-time staff have not increased in FY 2016.
- Utility costs have decreased by 15% from same period last year.
- Training and conversion to the new Max Galaxy software continues.

Family Service Updates - Tony Hollenback:

- NFS continues to provide support to residents impacted by the fire in January 2016. Thus far, over 80 residents have been in contact with NFS for support.
- NFS continues to demonstrate our strong commitment to our First Responders with Fire Fighter Wellness training for all fire fighters this month.
 - Purpose/intention was to assist fire department staff in dealing with stress, work/life balance and compassion fatigue.
 - Feedback from the training was positive and well received with an intention to change the culture that asking for help is not a weakness
- NFS and the Teen Center continue to identify ways to support teens/families with behavioral health issues (NFS is seeing an increase in teens referred for services)
 - NFS will be providing a training to Teen Center staff on Behavioral Health Awareness in the upcoming months

- NFS in partnership with Lutheran General Hospital are in the process of creating focus groups to identify the behavioral health needs of the Polish community in the VON

Teen Center Updates – Mark Williams:

- Teen Center attendance continues to rise from one year to the next. **In 2015, there were 10,700 individual visits**, compared to 9300 in 2014 and 6900 in 2013. Average daily attendance was 54 teens each day which is another increase over prior years.
- The Valentine's Day Dance was held on Saturday, February 13 with approximately 200 teens attending. They all had an outstanding time and can't wait for the next dance in September.
- The Teen Center hosted the Niles Community Tile Art Unveiling on Saturday, February 20. It attracted approximately 75 kids, parents and community members. A special thanks to the Niles Optimist Club for donating the funds for the project and all of the schools and community groups that contributed artwork.
- Teen Center staff is working to roll out the new Teen Center Logo. It has a blue splatter paint background with black/green/orange lettering. It is very edgy and cool. New staff shirts have been ordered, but larger scale efforts like signage and the display case items will have to wait until funding allows.
- The spring programming has been finalized and distributed. Highlights include the Night In the Mall- Lock-In party, an educational program with the Comfort Dogs from Lutheran Church Charities, the continuation the boys social work group called "Man-Cave" and the "Girl Talk" group.
- Expect to see two items on the agenda for the March VON board meeting. One will be for the adjustment in membership fees, removing any reference to fees based on location of school being attended. Membership fees will be solely based on residency. \$20 for Niles resident and \$35 for non-resident. The second item will be a request to renew the Teen Center's lease with Golf Mill Shopping Center from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 with no change from the current rental fee.
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