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**Business Meeting**

**Ela Township**

**May 23, 2024 from 10:00AM-12:00PM**

**I. Call to order 10:07 am**

**In-person:** Sara Marx (Ela Township), Tina Houdek (Hanover Township), Ryan Dickinson (Hanover Township), Dawn Arimura (Bloomington Township), Luanne Pross (Elk Grove Township), and Rene Dorn (Elk Grove Township).

**Via Zoom:** Allison Kowieski (Wayne/Winfield Township), Sandra Usher (Zion Township), Terri Ransom (DuPage Township), Joe Doyle (Warren Township), Adam Krieger (Warren Township), Megan Trafficano (Oak Park Township).

**A. Approval of Minutes from the February 22, 2024 Business Meeting**

1. Sara Marx moved to approve and Dawn Arimura seconded.

**B. Additions to the agenda**

**C. Removal of "Selection of Undergraduate Scholarship" from agenda**

1. Postpone to June meeting

**II. Officers' reports:**

**A. President**

1. See below

**B. Vice President**

1. See below

**C. Secretary**

1. None

**D. Treasurer**

1. Absent - none

**III. Committee Reports:**

**A. Membership-Sara/Tina**

1. Monee Township & Addison Township joined since last meeting
2. Reach out to places assigned

**B. CEUs-Tina**

1. Renewal is not due yet

**C. Audit-Dawn**

1. None

**D. Program-Sara/Tina**

1. Hanover Township will be hosting in August (instead of Plainfield)
  - a. Trying to find a speaker
  - b. May ask new bilingual therapist they hired to do it
2. Reached out to Darryl for TOI and he has verbally agreed

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**E. Website-Richard/Allison**

1. How to add lunch selection or comments to registration for events on website

**F. Awards-Megan**

1. Two undergrad applications received!
2. Graduate scholarship due in September
3. These will all be PDF fillable forms

**G. Perspectives-Tina**

1. **August 2024:** Bloomingdale Township: Due 7/1/24
2. **September 2024:** DuPage Township: Due 8/1/24
3. **October 2024:** Plainfield Township: Due 9/1/24
4. **November 2024:** Maine Township: Due 9/29/24
5. **December 2024:** Hanover Township: Due 11/1/24

**H. TOI-Tina**

1. November 11-13 (note change in dates)

**I. Olympics-Sara/Ryan**

1. Ela Township no longer able to participate this year
2. DuPage Township (Bolingbrook) is a maybe
3. Warren Township (Gurnee) unsure to distance & smaller event size
4. Renee at Elk Grove could help with game supplies & helping facilitate games!

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Increase budget for lunches at CEU events from \$100 current budget
1. Will continue to discuss for next year's budget

**V. New Business**

- A. **August workshop**—location, Hanover Township

- Need speaker ideas. Should know some time in June

**B. Membership Drive**

- Current paid members

- C. **Discussion regarding current youth/family trends/challenges and how this is impacting your organization.**

**1. School Refusal & School Attendance**

- a. This is a Nationwide problem
- b. Lots of counseling referrals for this
- c. Hanover Township has created a task force regarding this
- d. Attitude from kids is lack of caring about consequences
- e. State of IL no longer has legal consequences for truancy and schools are not required to have a truancy officer

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**2. Issues with drugs (esp. vaping) being done in school bathrooms**

- a. **Elk Grove:** Looking for ideas how to address this
- b. **Hanover:** education through prevention programming
- c. **Warren:** local high school makes kids who get caught watch a video
  1. Thinks several seasons one on one with education, but would be helpful, but hard to implement
- d. Concerns about long-term health effects
- e. What are kids seeing at home with their parents?
- f. Even when families due try to get help, there are long wait lists

3. Challenges in filling positions and people “ghosting”

**VI. Township Program Highlights and Announcements**

**A. Hanover Township**

1. Finally filled prevention and substance positions!
2. Looking to fill driver position for 13 passenger bus
3. Hired a Spanish speaking therapist
4. Summer programming starts June 3

**B. Elk Grove Township**

1. Open position for a therapist

**VII. Adjournment 11:59 am**

- A. Dawn Arimura motioned to adjourn and Sara Marx seconded. Motion approved.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Allison Kowieski

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