

**MINUTES**  
**Moline Commission on Youth**  
Thursday, March 19, 2015

**1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting began at 4:01 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners:

Present: Elizabeth Finch, Greg Masias, and Janet Zam

Absent: Greg Johnson, Jane Koenig, Lynne Meeske, and Jan Erikson-Vroman

Staff: Elizabeth McKenzie

Guests: Amanda Hoover and Daisy (Natural Helpers), Pedro Valladares (Moline Police Department), and Angela Baker (MHS Project Graduation)

A quorum was not present, so no official action was taken.

**3. Presentations**

Daisy (student at MHS) and Amanda Hoover spoke on behalf of Natural Helpers. The program is a student organization that trains adolescents in listening and helping skills to improve the climate of the school. Students are used for peer mediation or casual conversation. Each year, selected students go on a three day retreat to discuss teen problems and when to seek help from adults. They encourage students to be themselves. This year, Natural Helpers is requesting a donation to help finance their retreat, specifically to purchase a new speaker system.

Pedro Valladares spoke on behalf of the SouthPark Mall COP program. There will be a safety event called Passport to Safety on April 18, 2015, from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. at SouthPark Mall. The safety day will have a variety of educational booths for children and adults to help promote safety. They are requesting a donation to hand out safety themed packets to children that include: coloring books, crayons, stickers, and pencils.

Angela Baker spoke on behalf of MHS Project Graduation. The program provides a substance-free all night party for graduates. The event is sponsored by the community and is free to the graduates. They are requesting a donation to purchase prizes, food, and/or entertainment for this year's event.

**4. Other**—The budget decreased from \$4,000 in 2014 to \$3,000 in 2015. The commissioners would like Elizabeth to inquire about the decrease in budget and report back the findings at the next meeting.

**5. Public Comment—None**

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Elizabeth McKenzie, Staff Liaison  
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