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Subject: Fwd: Greetings and welcome!  
Date: August 15, 2017 at 2:25:01 PM CDT  
To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>

FYI - They are moving forward!

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:dgtpeerjuryfriends@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Greetings and welcome!

**Date:** August 14, 2017 at 9:42:09 PM CDT

**To:** DGTPeerJuryFriends

[<DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com>](mailto:DGTPeerJuryFriends@googlegroups.com)

Greetings!

Many thanks for accepting our invitation to join this email list. In coming weeks, we will use it to inform you of developments in efforts to reinstate Peer Jury in Southeast DuPage County. Please feel free to invite others to join by having them write [DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com).

We are working with a group of parents and other supporters of the program to explore a variety of public and private means for its future support. In particular, we are working with Lori Wrzesinski to determine costs of the program outside township support. She is working with local police to gauge possible support from individual municipalities.

We may hold a informational session or fundraiser in September. We will use this email list to announce these events.

In the meantime, you may also follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/PeerJuryFriends/>. We will use this site for discussions and to share and generate ideas about future efforts.

Should you have any questions, you may write us at [DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:DGTPeerJuryFriends@gmail.com).

Thanks again for your support! Working together, we can help ensure the continuation of this program which has served our community for the past 17 years.

Cliff Grammich (Peer Jury parent)  
Tel 1-630-541-5306

Cindy Go (Peer Jury moderator and parent)

Kim Hogan (Peer Jury moderator and parent)

Karen Kobialka (Peer Jury parent)

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To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/DGTPeerJuryFriends/cf31caa5-ef71-4b67-925a-2b0e55ba7103%40googlegroups.com>.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>

Subject: Peer jury front page article

Date: August 9, 2017 at 9:28:13 AM CDT

To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>

Cc: Allan Alongi <aalongi@alongilawoffice.com>

In Downers Grove paper that hit the driveways this morning. The interview was pretty rough, but the reporter is empathetic to local govt's getting squeezed and social programs losing traction, and came around to where we were talking about how residents can move forward without us. The Peer Jury article published focuses on the community moving forward.

Hasn't shown up on-line, but they put the Meals on Wheels piece back up front, which is weird — that's old news.

I spoke with DG Mayor Tully, he's in favor of DG being a part of what may come, and Cliff has also reached out to Hinsdale, and I believe Westmont, and Darien. Chief Simpson in Hinsdale has expressed support for the program already.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>  
Subject: Youth diversion links  
Date: August 8, 2017 at 1:38:41 PM CDT  
To: Clifford Grammich <c.grammich@comcast.net>, karenkobialka

Dear Mr. Grammich and Ms. Kubialka,

This is the section of the ILCS statutes that regulates youth court programs. The language on who has corporate authority is plain and specific, and includes pathways for funding.

[http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/iyca\\_youthcourt.html](http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/iyca_youthcourt.html)

This is the ILAG page with general headings.

[http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/youth\\_courts\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/youth_courts_fact_sheet.pdf)

A general fact sheet put together by Lisa Madigan's Office in collaboration with the Illinois Youth Court Association.

[http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/youth\\_courts\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/youth_courts_fact_sheet.pdf)

I don't know if this would be of help but it talks about funding and cost factors.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/pdo/ppw/SESAP/Documents/SCHOOL%20RJP%20GUIDEBOOK.pdf>

This is a guide to Restorative Justice, and discusses specifically Peer Jury pathways.

I believe you two and Ms. Chaidez are perfect for the core of a 501(c)(3) to move forward.

I won't speak for them, but we have two Trustees that are Certified CPA's with about 80 years experience between them, so there's possible but not guaranteed support setting up bookkeeping and audit procedures to get a 501(c)(3) up and running as an independent community based organization. I believe Karen K. has experience with paperwork for foundations. If not, our Township attorney might steer you to the proper forms.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>  
Subject: Re: Peer Jury update  
Date: August 8, 2017 at 8:47:22 AM CDT  
To: Bill White <->

Dear Mr. White,

Thank you for your comments. As one experienced in local government, you know the majority of the cost of govt is personnel, and when major funding is lost it's never a matter of buying fewer paper clips.

I am still putting together information for Karen and Cliff. I believe they can be an effective core to startup a 501(c)(3). I am waiting on information as to which communities used the Peer Jury most, but I suspect DG and Hinsdale, and possibly Westmont and Darien as a second tier, would be most likely interested in supporting a community based organization.

Elmhurst has a well documented municipal program also. Don't overlook them as a source for information and size structure.

Two Trustees are CPA's and one has professional experience as an independent auditor. Between them setting up a NFP books is something they could readily do so the 501 has good accounting and auditing oversight right out of the box. That may matter to potential "subscriber" municipalities.

Thanks again. We'll be in touch.

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On Aug 8, 2017, at 7:41 AM, Bill White <-> wrote:  
Hi Mark -

Over the weekend I send Tully and Fieldman an email to inquire whether the Village can or would consider being a sponsors of the peer jury program, either by itself or as one of several collaborating municipalities.

Fieldman responded that he will discuss the matter with his staff and he, Marty and I can talk about it at our weekly mayors meeting this Friday 8/11.

Also, please know that Lori has prepared a budget for peer jury that shows a total cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. I suggest being cautious about throwing around the \$120,000 figure.

I'll let you know what we discuss Friday morning.

Bill White

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>  
Subject: Agenda Item for first meeting in Spetember  
Date: August 7, 2017 at 10:48:53 AM CDT  
To: Lorraine Grimsby <lorraine.grimsby@dgtownship.com>

Discussion about how we can help residents get an independent community based organization 501(c)(3) up and running to contract with and oversee a Peer Jury program for municipalities choosing to participate. Note that the corporate authority to create or contract with a community based organization clearly rests with the county or a municipality.

(705 ILCS 405/5-315)

Sec. 5-315. Teen court. The county board or corporate authorities of a municipality, or both, may create or contract with a community based organization for teen court programs.

(Source: P.A. 90-590, eff. 1-1-99.)

More direction, information, and regulations here at Lisa Madigan's IL AG website:

[http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/iyca\\_youthcourt.html](http://www.ag.state.il.us/communities/youthadvocacy/iyca_youthcourt.html)

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From: Mark Thoman <[mark.thoman@dgtownship.com](mailto:mark.thoman@dgtownship.com)>

Subject: Peer jury

Date: August 7, 2017 at 8:51:00 AM CDT

To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>

So far we're confirming the Peer Jury was the most expensive youth program addressing the fewest youth. My pencil on napkin figuring remains pretty solid but we'll take a closer look to see if there are any more significant costs undiscovered.

Should the folks who attended the 8/3 meeting wish to proceed we should be able to give them some reasonable idea of what costs may be. A community based program funded by charitable donations should come in for far less than the Township program funded by taxpayers. Similarly, the oversight of a independent board focused singly on the program will be better.

The reporting history of the program seems nonexistent beyond budget numbers. I have no idea of the efficacy of the program, nor of the history/ breakout of how many annual participants and where they came from. I will be getting a report on the 50 or so that are in files.

Peer jury is the newest program, starting 2003 (14 years) on a \$10,000 grant. Life Skills began in 1981 (36 years) and Youth Skills started in 1991 (26 years).

Personally I reject the thinking that since the Township always did things a certain way in the past, we should keep doing it the same way.

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From: Mark Thoman <mark.thoman@dgtownship.com>  
Subject: Proposed Organizational chart and Peer Jury feedback  
Date: August 3, 2017 at 8:37:36 AM CDT

To: DGT Trustee <trustee@dgtownship.com>

There appear to be compatibility issues with the proposed Organization Chart as a docx. Below is the proposed organizational chart as a pdf which seems to load okay.

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From the large volume of phone calls and emails generated by peer juror parents I expect an overflow crowd tonight, all very much opposed to our suspending the Peer Jury Program. Please please refrain from trying to parse out a very difficult decision.

Here is some additional information I now know:

Peer jury had 50 cases in process through November. Each is being addressed and resolved individually. There were 200 Peer Jurors involved, and almost every call, email, and the majority, if not all, of the emails, calls and posting are from parents of jurors who got community service credit hours and a very worthy line item on their college application resume. I don't see any way to fund its return.

I have just over \$118,197.35 of identified Peer Jury program costs. There are probably several thousand more in discovery as we assess the total program costs. The state funding cut was \$128,000.

We continue to address over 3,400 students with prevention education and youth skills, and provide over 20 schools in the Township with accredited programming. See attached copy off our website of continuing youth programs, which I am considering as a handout for interested attendees.

Lauren Aramburu is also giving a short presentation at the meeting on what she's doing this year.

So to summarize, Peer jury: 50 juvies over 5 months, 200 jurors, \$118k/yr

cost; prevention ed: 3,400 students, 20 schools, \$80k/yr cost.

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