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**Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board  
Meeting held: January 3, 2008**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused Absence</b>
Michael Cain			X
Steve Cook/Jim Collin	X		
Donna Forrest	X		
Olivia Fortunato	X		
Mary Ellen Gregorio	X		
Debra Hammer	X		
Melissa Hoon	X		
Ryan Jordan	X		
Nan Lamm			X
Susan Miller	X		
Ryan Peluso	X		
Barbara J. Ruhe	X		
Nancy Stilwell	X		
Kathy St. Onge			X
Kaitin Taylor	X		

The minutes began at 7:03 pm on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

**DSYS Update:**

**Tri-town Leadership Forum:** Nancy requested YAB members attend the first meeting on 1/16/08 at 5 pm at the Newington Senior Center.

**After-School Grant:** A \$90,000, 2-year grant was awarded to DSYS in conjunction with Wethersfield Schools. These funds will allow DSYS to maintain year-round contact with the students in the Summer Youth Employment Program. The program will run from 2:30-5:30 pm, four days per week at the Middle School. Jim Collin noted that the details have to be worked out.

**YAB Update:**

**Prom Shop:** Planned for Weds. Feb. 6th, 2008 in the WHS lecture Hall from 2 pm to 7pm. Ryan Jordan made posters to advertise the prom shop at WHS and posters to post in the community. WHS is making daily announcements. Ryan to follow up with Mr. Cain about the collection bin and drawing for Bijoux Rose gift certificate. Nancy, Sue and Melissa will be there to run the Prom Shop.

**Rock the Library:** Olivia noted that the showmobile is free for us to use. Nancy raised the question: do we have to

pay for staff to run the showmobile? Olivia attended an event similar to this in West Hartford regarding raising awareness for social justice. Perhaps we could use them as a model.

**Volunteer Recognition Night:** Scheduled for Thursday, May 1st at the Pitkin Community Center. We need to start thinking of a speaker. All in attendance agreed that we should have a combined event recognizing both seniors and youth.

### **Other Business**

Dori Garcia and Greg Ryan from the Connecticut Assets Network joined us to present their information and explain what they do. They talked about developing our resources and assets. They talked about an assets mapping profile. They explained how they developed strong communities by reducing negative behaviors and filling the void with a search for potential and positive behaviors. They will follow up with Barbara Ruhe to determine YAB's interest in participating.

**Financial Report:** approximately \$1500

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.**