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Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board
Meeting held: March 6, 2008

Name	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
Michael Cain		X	
Steve Cook/Jim Collin			X
Donna Forrest	X		
Matthew Forrest			X
Olivia Fortunato	X		
Mary Ellen Gregorio			X
Debra Hammer			X
Melissa Hoon	X		
Ryan Jordan	X		
Nan Lamm	X		
Norberto Mendez	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 7:08 pm on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

DSYS Update:

Community Conversation: Nancy Stilwell reported that we need 35 Wethersfield residents to attend the Community Conversation in Newington on March 27 at 5pm at the Senior Center. Ryan Jordan and Kaitlin Taylor said they would attend. Nancy stressed the need for a broad range of community members. Please recruit people. If you have anyone, send the names to Nancy via email.

Parent Education: Mr. Collin will bring ideas for parent education to the PTO at SDMS. A newsletter went to every family that included information asking for feedback. Mr. Collin got 9 responses. We may have enough information to provide something in the fall.

Heating: Tons of requests have come in for help with heating this season.

Crossroads: There is money in a grant to provide a Police Adventures session in the Crossroads program. The program will include team building and information about the police (CSIs, canine unit, etc.). The idea is to build a

bridge between at-risk youth and police officers. A community project to help better an area in Wethersfield will also be a part of this session.

Summer Youth Employment: People are picking up a number of applications.

YAB Update:

Rock the Library: Ryan Jordan will contact Jim Collin regarding logistics.

Volunteer Recognition Night:

- Set for Thursday, May 1st.
- Pat Meskill will emcee again.
- Melissa Hoon has an idea for a speaker. She will check with Barbara Ruhe to see whether or not Barbara has made contact with a speaker.
- Nancy Stilwell will meet with Donna Madison regarding donated refreshments.
- Debra Hammer received approval from Mr. Kohlhagen to distribute questionnaires in the schools. She also has student counts from his secretary and will make copies and send them out to the schools next week.
- We will use postcards for invitations.
- We will solicit local businesses for donations for raffle prizes. YAB brainstormed businesses to solicit that will appeal to both seniors and youth.

Financial Report: approximately \$1500

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.