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Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board
Meeting held: April 3, 2008

Name	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
Steve Cook/Jim Collin		X	
Donna Forrest	X		
Matthew Forrest			X
Olivia Fortunato	X		
Mary Ellen Gregorio			
Debra Hammer			
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 7:15 pm on Thursday, April 3, 2008.

DSYS Update:

Community Conversation: Nine Wethersfield residents attended. Bright, thoughtful, considerate people. Discussed concerns and had excellent discussion. Summary: we need tight rules, but zero tolerance does not work. There is another meeting planned. Newington is working on a program called Six Feet of Influence. Nancy will email the document to YAB members. Ryan and Kaitlin from YAB attended and contributed to discussion.

Crossroads: Seven or eight officers will participate in this program. T-shirts are going to be printed for the participants.

Grants: DSYS received three new grants. Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Grant will help Senior Net, grant from Department of Social Services will help with senior case management services and will help to complete a needs assessment and run support groups.

YAB Update:

Rock the Library: Ryan Jordan never connected with Jim Collin. Kaitlin will follow up. Olivia discussed possible date of 5/30/08.

Volunteer Recognition Night:

- Set for Thursday, May 1st.
- Pat Meskill will emcee again. Nancy will speak with her about developing the program for the event.
- Debra will email press releases to Post, Life, Hartford Courant.
- Group discussed ideas for speaker. Norberto will follow up with a prospect.
- Nancy Stilwell will speak with Donna Madison regarding donated refreshments.
- Debra Hammer will create postcards for invitations. DSYS volunteers will help to address them.
- We are continuing to solicit local businesses for donations for raffle prizes.
- 525 responses were received from grades 5-8.
- Nancy will obtain list of seniors who need to be invited.
- Debra will send invites to dignitaries.

Financial Report: approximately \$1500

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.