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Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board
Meeting held: December 6, 2007

Name	Present	Absent	Excused Absence
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 7:05 pm on Thursday, December 6th, 2007.

Introduction: Matthew Forrest, new Town Council Liason to Youth Advisory Board

DSYS Update:

- The Avon representative who contacted Nancy about having Avon products at the Prom Shop no longer works for Avon. Nancy attempted to contact the new representative, but has received no call back yet.
- There are many gifts coming in for the Christmas gift drive.
- Over 100 meals were given out to needy families for Thanksgiving.
- Nancy Stilwell was contacted by a social worker in the Wethersfield Public Schools about the possibility of running a group for children with fathers who are incarcerated. Nancy is looking at options for this.
- DSYS may have to do fundraising to obtain funds for the Fuel Bank. It is anticipated that this will be a difficult winter for families regarding fuel bills.
- Tri-town Leadership Forum: Berlin has been added. The Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, Berlin and Newington Leadership Committee got a community conversations grant. This committee will move forward to have community conversations to form an action plan for constructive alternatives for teens (as opposed to vandalism, etc).

YAB Update:

Youth and Government: No YAB members attended the Board of Education meeting.

Prom Dresses: Planned for Weds. Feb. 6th, 2008 in the WHS lecture Hall from 2 pm into evening. Ryan Jordan sent information to *Wethersfield Life*. Option discussed of sending information to the *Wethersfield Post* as a letter to the editor or as a press release. Barbara Ruhe will look into possible advertising on channel 14. Other options discussed: send information to *Rare Reminder* and email Scott Haney from channel 3.

If we are going to advertise the Prom Shop for February we need to be aware of the December deadline.

Rock the Library: Debra Hammer noted she saw this event in Maine this summer. Could we promote the library this way in Wethersfield for teens/young adults? Idea is to have local teen bands perform. Wethersfield High School students on YAB feel there would be interest from teens. Could we promote something in Wethersfield? Perhaps we could do "Rock the Towns" and get the four towns together? Nancy will pursue this at the next Leadership Committee meeting.

Idea for Parent Information: YAB to look into sponsoring a Spring Education Series. Ideas for topics: internet safety, teen sexuality, alcohol and drugs. Nancy Stilwell and Jim Collin will discuss this further.

Other Business: Upcoming meeting presentations: CT Assets Network will present at January 2008 meeting. Laura Morris from Central CT Health District will attend February meeting with parents to discuss teen issues. Jen Bliska from CASAC will also be present.

Financial Report: approximately \$1500

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.