

**Association of New York State Youth Courts
Quarterly Meeting – Canandaigua, New York
May 2, 2006**

In Attendance: Deb Holland (Ontario County), Cookie Waller (Rochester Teen Court), Michael Vincent (Youth Court of Jefferson County), Eric Watkins (Tioga County), Mike Torrillo (Amherst Youth Court), Dottie O'Neill – Marble (Livingston County), Violet Colydas (Colonie Youth Court), Stacey Whiteley (Bethlehem Youth Court), Kathryn Barnard, (Warren County Youth Court), David Palen (Onondaga County Youth Court), Susan Taskin (Clinton County Youth Court), Sienna Markel (Allegany County Youth Court), Judy Wolfe (SCSD Student Court), Trooper John Zlomek (New York State Police)

Call to Order: ANYSYC President, Mike Torrillo called the meeting to order at 10:22 am.

Introductions were made around the table. A motion to waive the minutes of the February 16, 2006 was made by Cookie Waller and seconded by Eric Watkins. The motion carried without opposition.

Presidents Report: ANYSYC President, Mike Torrillo informed members that as a result of nomination for ANYSYC Treasurer during the February meeting Stacey Whiteley had graciously accepted the position and officially has taken the reigns from Lamont E. Burley Sr. who had served in the position previously.

Mike also distributed several items: Issues of "IN Session", "National Directory 2006 of Youth Courts and Resource Information".

Mike Torrillo provided some discussion highlights regarding his travel to the conference in Washington D.C. earlier this year which he indicated was a foundation for the meeting later convened in New Orleans.

Vice Presidents Report: Judy Wolfe conducted a review and update of the Association Directory. Previously, the membership present at the February meeting had been tasked to contact assigned NYS Youth Courts identified in the current directory, determine status of the court based on the contact made and to address any necessary changes to current information as required. The information provided will be submitted to Andy Placito at NYS DCJS for his review and submission to edit the Directory thus creating a more efficient resource for the Association.

2nd Vice Presidents Report: Eric Watkins did not submit an independent report however did contribute valuable input during discussions in various topic areas.

Treasurers Report: Submitted by, ANYSYC Treasurer, Stacey Whiteley. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Michael Vincent and seconded by Eric Watkins. The motion carried without opposition.

National Meeting in New Orleans Update: Stacey, Violet, Judy, and Eric traveled to New Orleans in March for a meeting hosted by OJJDP regarding state Youth Court Associations. Discussion of their trip suggested the meeting was a great "networking" opportunity. The overall goal of the meeting was to brainstorm on developing a national association for youth courts and assist other states in creating state associations. Also mentioned was the development of a Congressional Proclamation which would be pursued for September which is the National "Youth Court" month. The attendees came up with many ideas for a national association name. In the near future, Youth Courts will be able to vote on the top three names and the one with the most

votes will become the new name. The group will be attending a second meeting in June to follow-up and continue working on initiatives.

Newsletter / Web Page Update: The newsletter looked great thanks to Judy and Stacey who worked very hard on it. Anyone interested in submitting articles for the newsletter should email them to Judy or Stacey. There was discussion about trying to get the Association webpage updated more frequently so that members and non-members know what is going on with ANYSYC. The group explored other options for the webpage, such as getting a Yahoo webpage that we would be able to update on our own. Topics suggested for the upcoming newsletter were Youth Services Day Projects and the Law Day activities. Lastly, Eric mentioned the Listserv courtesy protocol which is available to provide user's with minimum guidelines regarding utilization of it.

Membership Update: Violet Colydas submitted to the membership present listings of current active Youth Courts having paid dues fees and an active listing of Youth who have paid dues fees. **34 Courts & 24 Youth volunteers are represented!**

Legislative Update: Youth Courts in New York should start looking to their legislators if they need further funding for their programs. Getting to know their legislator and then making requests for support could help them secure the funding they need to keep their program running! One idea considered could be a gathering of Assembly or Senate representatives during an ANYSYC training or meeting in the Albany area.

Surveys Update: Violet Colydas distributed the "yellow survey" results for review and comment. Ms. Colydas also provided opportunity for discussion of the results.

Vacancies Update: Violet Colydas led this discussion informing the membership that the ANYSYC Treasurers position had been filled. The ANYSYC Secretary position remains vacant. Three one year term positions to the Board of Directors are vacant. Violet then nominated Dottie O'Neill – Marble, David Palen, Deb Holland for the three vacancies and each nomination was seconded respectively by Stacey Whiteley, Eric Watkins, and Cookie Waller. The nominees each agreed to serve for one year.

Old Business: Workshops & Games utilized to train youth volunteers. Workshops used as sanctions for respondents. Organizing the state into regional areas and establishing contact members in each was once again revisited during a limited discussion regarding travel expenses. Previously developed however not truly implemented.

New Business: none

Good and Welfare: none

Next Meeting: ANYSYC members decided the site location, time and date of the next quarterly meeting. The meeting will be held at Syracuse Central School District Office, hosted by the ANYSYC Vice President, Judy Wolfe on Tuesday, August 8th, 2006 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. **(further details and directions will be provided by the hostess, when required, and preceding the meeting).**

Adjournment: At 1:25 pm, a motion to adjourn the ANYSYC quarterly meeting was made by Michael Vincent and seconded by Eric Watkins. The motion carried without opposition.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Vincent

Youth Court of Jefferson County