

Association of New York State Youth Courts  
Quarterly Meeting – Albany, New York  
September 12, 2006

**In Attendance:** Andy Placito (DCJS), Mike Torrillo (Amherst Youth Court), Judy Wolfe (SCSD Student Court), Eric Watkins (Tioga County), Stacey Whiteley (Bethlehem Youth Court), Michael Vincent (Youth Court of Jefferson County), Deb Holland (Ontario County), Dottie O'Neill – Marble (Livingston County), Violet Colydas (Colonie Youth Court), Court), Susan Taskin (Clinton County Youth Court), Nancy Cormier (Ulster County), Lisa Chamberlain (Saratoga County Youth Court), Karen Hurst (Southampton Town Youth Court), Luanne Strauser (Elmira Youth Court), Jillian Frame (Elmira Youth Court), Kathy O'Malley (East Hampton Youth Court), Elizabeth Garcia (Harlem Community Justice) Thomas P. Fabiano (Sag Harbor), Claire McKeon (Town of Babylon Youth Court) Katherine Chambers (Warren County Youth Court), Cathy Barker (MS 352 Peer Court), Jackie Sherman (Center for Courts & Community Center for Court Innovations)

**Call to Order:** ANYSYC President, Mike Torrillo convened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Introductions were made around the room. A motion to waive the review of the minutes from the May 2, 2006 ANYSYC quarterly meeting was made by Michael Vincent and seconded by Eric Watkins. The motion carried without opposition.

**Treasurers Report:**

Submitted by, ANYSYC Treasurer, Stacey Whiteley. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Violet Colydas and seconded by Eric Watkins. The motion carried without opposition.

**Presidents Report:**

ANYSYC President, Mike Torrillo provided the membership present with a brief history of an initiative regarding "Regionalization". The enactment of such an initiative will strengthen the association membership while providing all programs a voice through their regional representative to the state association and soon too, the national association. The regional representative will be the spokesperson of their respective region while providing a personal connection to the association for the membership programs in their region. Following discussion of the initiative, the membership present voted to initiate action regarding regionalization and too contact all programs within their respective regions; encourage their involvement with the association while becoming members, and actively supporting and participating in the goals and objectives of the association through their regional representative. Lastly, communicate and nominate a regional representative for your region.

**Old Business:**

Several discussions about the association direction or focus, led to the development of a "TOP TEN LIST". The list included: networking, training, professional development, continue the efforts with legislators, expanding the opportunities for institutionalization of Youth Courts as a component of the formal Juvenile Justice System, and development of permanent funding streams. Other discussions involved the possibility of an increase to the membership fee,

**Old Business: (continued)**

incentives for association members, a statewide conference for youth volunteers, a mentoring program and Community Service site development.

**New Business:**

Mr. Placito introduced a fundraising initiative projected to make \$\$\$\$. Andy explained the recycling initiative that the Association will undertake regarding ink jet cartridges, cell phones, etc... and indicated that our programs have a great potential for success with this initiative.

Judy Wolfe mentioned that several Association members would be attending the next National Association planning and development conference in San Diego before the next ANYSYC meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next ANYSYC meeting will be held at Holiday Inn-Riverview, 160 East Water St. Elmira, NY 14901. The date is Thursday November 16, 2006, 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Hostess of this meeting will be Luanne Strauser. A light lunch will be provided.

**Adjournment:**

At 9:30 pm, a motion to adjourn the ANYSYC quarterly meeting was made by Judy Wolfe and seconded by Eric Watkins. The motion carried without opposition.

**Respectfully Submitted**

Michael Vincent  
Youth Court of Jefferson County