

Association of New York State Youth Courts
Quarterly Meeting - Colonie, New York
February 13, 2007

In Attendance: Lisa Chamberlain (Saratoga County), Megan O'Toole (NYS Bar Association), Violet Colydas (Colonie Youth Court), Judy Wolfe (SCSD Student Court), Nancy Cormier (Ulster Co. Probation), Katherine Chambers (Warren Co. Youth Court), Karen Hurst (South Hampton Youth Court), Maria Danisi (Huntington Youth Court), Mike Torrillo (Amherst Youth Court), Michael Carinci (City of Oneida Youth Court), Susan Taskin (Clinton County Youth Court), Geneva Grice (Schenectady Youth Court), Jackie Sherman (Center for Court Innovation, NYC), Dottie O'Neill-Marble (Livingston County Youth Court), Stacey Whiteley (Bethlehem Youth Court), Deb Holland (Ontario County Youth Court), Andy Placito (DCJS)

ANYSYC President Mike Torrillo opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Karen Hurst motioned to waive the minutes of the last meeting and Lisa Chamberlain seconded the motion. Introductions were made. Megan O'Toole attended at the invite of Eric Watkins (former director of the Owego Youth Court). Megan works for the NYS Bar Association in the areas of citizenship counsel and young lawyers.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was given by Stacey Whiteley. Stacey discussed the \$5000. grant awarded by OJJDP. Lisa Chamberlain motioned to accept the treasurers report, it was seconded by Susan Taskin.

Membership Report: Violet Colydas stated membership dues are currently coming in for year 2007. She also stated that there are 31 new youth members.

Old Business: Andy Placito updated the group on the COS Cartridge Fundraiser program. Youth Courts have been submitting used ink cartridges and old cell phones in prepared mailers as a fundraiser for the Association. In the past 5 months NYS Youth Courts have raised \$266.55. Mike Torrillo expressed a need to fill officer vacancies, particularly treasurer and secretary. Stacey Whiteley suggested that the secretary position be shared. Deb Holland expressed an interest in co-sharing the position of secretary. Karen Hurst stated she may also be interested and would get back to the group after speaking to her supervisor. Judy Wolfe made a motion to accept Deb Holland as co-secretary. Nancy Cormier seconded the motion. Stacey Whiteley expressed an interest in taking over the 2nd vice president position. It was suggested that a nominating committee be established at the meeting in Niagara Falls on May 8th.

New Business: Copies of the bylaws were handed out to discuss amending the bylaws to reflect the regions established for the Association. These changes will be revisited at the next meeting when the ANYSYC membership is up-to-date. Jackie Sherman has agreed to represent the NYC - Mid-Hudson region. Karen Hurst and Maria Danisi will share representation of the Northeastern Region. Dottie O'Neill-Marble has agreed to represent the Fingerlakes region. Judy Wolfe distributed some educational materials. Stacey Whiteley introduced Megan O'Toole from the NYS Bar Association. Megan serves as the staff liaison for the Young Lawyers Section of the NYSBA. She helps them coordinate events. She also explained that they have a NYS Bar Foundation which provides monies

to law related events and charities. There are 3200 members of the Young Lawyers section of the Association, which has 23 sections including a law, youth and citizenship section. Jackie Sherman reviewed the results of the training survey distributed to NYS youth courts. There were only 16 responses. Another effort will be made to collect responses. Jackie suggested creating an educational summit of coordinators to kick off training and create a 5 year plan of what NYS youth courts would look like. Dottie O'Neil-Marble suggested planning a summit to coordinate with an association meeting. Jackie Sherman and Susan Taskin have agreed to co-chair an education and training committee. Andy Placito introduced Justin Paslow who has submitted a bid to recreate the website. Justin is a graduate of RPI and is pursuing his masters. He demonstrated via a link on his computer how the website could look. Another proposal for the website was discussed and a unanimous vote in favor of Justin Paslow was cast. A contract will be created. Andy Placito, Violet Colydas, Judy Wolfe and Stacey Whiteley updated the group on the development of the proposed National Youth Court Association. Violet Colydas is on the Board of Trustees for the proposed Association. Katie Self of Sarasota, FL will serve as the first president. Katie was instrumental in assisting in the development of the ANYSYC.

A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Placito at 2:10 pm. It was seconded by Susan Taskin.

The next meeting will be in Niagara Falls on May 8th hosted by Art Eberhardt.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judy Wolfe
1st Vice President
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