

Association of New York State Youth Courts
Quarterly Meeting – Niagara Falls, NY
May 8, 2007

In Attendance: Lori Rank (City of Tonawanda), Art Eberhart (Niagara Falls), Mike Torrillo (Amherst Youth Court), Stacey Whiteley (Bethlehem Youth Court), Jackie Sherman (Center for Courts and Community, NYC), Luanne Strauser (Elmira Youth Court, Merry Speicher (Oneida County Youth Court, Violet Colydas (Colonie Youth Court), Andrew Placito (Consultant), Dottie O'Neill Marble (Livingston County Youth Court), Deb Holland (Ontario County Youth Court), Erin Andrejcek (Niagara Falls Youth Court)

ANYSYC President Mike Torrillo opened the meeting at 11:00 AM. Introductions were made. Art Eberhart motioned to waive reading of previous quarter minutes, second by Stacey Whiteley.

Treasurer's Report: Given by StaceyWhiteley. Currently, on solid ground, no large expenditures coming up. Jackie Sherman had asked the Association for match money to enhance a grant application that would fund the 3rd quarter meeting/summit that is planned for November. Depending on the grant, \$1,000.00 could be pledged toward this event. These funds would be used for travel, lodging stipends. Since Sept. 06, \$771.63 has been raised through the COS fundraiser. Stacey provided a breakdown, by court, of those funds. She also provided a 12-month cash flow report. Further discussion addressed possible costs of the Summit and the need for spending guidelines, once the grant is executed. Mike Torrillo moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Jackie Sherman.

Membership Report: Violet Colydas reported on current membership and supplied attendees with lists of active member programs (33) and youth memberships (100). Youth memberships have increased significantly from past years. Program membership remains steady. The increase in dues have gained the Association approximately \$800.00. It was noted that making the travel stipends available allow for a great return on the dues investment. Stacey Whiteley moved to accept the membership report, second by Deb Holland.

Old Business: Discussion by all present regarding the Summit. All present appeared to be in agreement that this would be only for adults, with training and possibly a keynote speaker. Fees and charges will need to be worked out under the terms of the grant that has been applied for.

A slate of officers needs to be in place for the August meeting in order for elections to be held in November. Andy proposed that each officer move up a position in the interest of continuity for the organization. Deb suggested that all nominees be reviewed for qualifications prior to being placed on the ballot. Tasks for those positions also need to be identified. There will be a request for a

nomination committee put out on list serve. Any change in the process will be reflected in the bylaws. It was also suggested that the past president should retain a seat on the board in possibly, a consultant capacity.

Mike has worked with his tax professional on filing taxes for the association. Determination was that we have not generated sufficient income to require a filing.

The next Association Newsletter will come out soon and Stacey would appreciate any news items and photos, particularly surrounding Law Day and Youth Service Day, plans for September (Youth Court Month).

New Business: Deb shared that the NYS Youth Bureau Conference will be held in Brooklyn in October and suggested that the Association respond to the request for proposals for workshops. A number of YCs are funded, in part, by their YBs and YC is a model program of youth development. Perhaps an opportunity to get more funding and more YCs involved in that stream of \$\$\$. Art Eberhart agreed to pursue that, as he has a power point presentation and may also be able to take youth with him.

Art also presented an explanation of his "Every 15 Minutes" program that highlights the dangers of drinking and driving for teens. He invited all of us to the program and encouraged us to use our volunteers outside of the courtroom.

Violet and Andy shared information on progress made by the National Association. There are 22 trustees (Violet is one!). Baltimore YC offenders have helped to refurbish a large office space for employees, volunteers and supplies. The Financial Committee will meet this month and New Mexico is planning a huge fundraiser golf tournament. A "Walk for Justice" in Washington is in the planning stages, along with proclamations from the Senate and the House. The National Assoc. plans on being incorporated this month!!

A motion to adjourn as made by Deb Holland at 1:37. It was seconded by Dottie O'Neill Marble.

The next meeting will be held in Syracuse, on August 14m 2007, hosted by Judy Wolfe.

Thank you to Art for hosting the meeting and to Luanne for filling in for the very late co-secretary!

Respectfully submitted by:

Deb Holland
Co-Secretary
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