

Association of New York State Youth Courts
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2008
Syracuse, New York

In Attendance: Amy Warmingham (Oneida County), Dottie O'Neill Marble (Livingston County), Deb Holland (Ontario County), Violet Colydas (Colonie YC), Cookie Waller (Rochester City Teen Court), Brian Chetney (Oswego County Youth Court), Lisa Chamberlain (Saratoga County), Dawn Metott (Oswego City YC), Dave Palen (Onondaga County YC), Susan Taskin (Clinton County YC), Judy Wolfe (SCSD Student Court), Luanne Strauser (City of Elmira YC), Andy Placito, Jackie Sherman (Center for Courts and Community)

Guest Speakers: Ms. Colleen Mastine (Senator DeFrancisco's Office), Stacey Whiteley (NYS Bar Association)

ANYSYC President Judy Wolfe called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Introductions were made. Judy requested that attendees review the minutes of the last meeting (May, 2008). Minutes were reviewed. Cookie Waller made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and the motion was seconded by Brian Chetney.

Treasurer's Report (by Dave Palen): A written report was shared with all attendees. Several ideas of spending small amounts were discussed: youth court pins for volunteers, cords for CS hours, scholarships for volunteers. Cookie will research the pin idea.

Membership Report: Violet shared two written reports. There are now 33 active court memberships, 2 associate memberships and 18 youth memberships.

Committee Reports: No reports submitted. Cookie had the certificate folder information for Judy.

Old Business: Jackie Sherman passed out a "Call for Youth Court Stories". She passed out submission requirements and hopes that a significant number will be sent in by November.

The subject of meeting participation was revisited and Jackie continues to work on video conferencing. Attendees looked at the regional map and chose Long Island, Albany and Buffalo for the first sites.

The conference idea was also brought up. All agreed it would be a good vehicle to increase association membership. It was agreed that it should be annual and that a model similar to the 2007 Summit would be useful. The Special Events Committee needs to be notified.

New Business: First Vice-president Dottie O'Neill Marble has resigned her position at Livingston County Youth Court, she has accepted a new position in her county. Deb Holland moved up to First vice-president. Deb Holland moved to nominate Cookie Waller as Second Vice-president. The motion was seconded by Andy Placito and was unanimously carried.

Judy shared that she needed help with the newsletter. She is willing to do one more, but needs someone else to take it over or assist her.

Guest Speaker Ms. Colleen Mastine (Senator DeFrancisco's Office) arrived at 11:00 AM and shared information regarding member items, funding sources, and how to influence legislation. She was supportive of our efforts and the information she shared was valuable.

Lunch was served and attendees watched the Ontario County Youth Court video that was made by volunteers and featured benefits to volunteers and defendants alike.

Guest Speaker Stacey Whiteley (NYS Bar Association) arrived. She shared information about the statewide mock trial program as well as information on recognition for community service done by YC volunteers. (LYC) Information can be found online.

Judy shared an article "Understanding Adulthood".

The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, hosted by Nancy Cormier, Ulster County.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Holland, First Vice President