

ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE YOUTH COURTS

QUARTERLY MEETING—CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK

MAY 13, 2008

PRESENT: Jocelyn Sikorski (Genesee County), Luanne Strauser (Elmira YC), Mike Torrillo (Amherst Youth Court), Dottie O’Neill-Marble (Livingston County), Deb Holland (Ontario County), Judy Wolfe (Syracuse City School District), Cookie Waller (Rochester Teen Court), Jackie Sherman (Center for Courts and the Community)

ANYSYC President Judy Wolfe called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Introductions were made.

The minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Mike Torrillo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Cookie Waller. Minutes were approved.

Discussion regarding video conferencing and the availability of that option ensued. Prior to this meeting several members expressed interest in tele- or video- conferencing. Considering price of gas and narrowing travel budgets this should be looked into. Jackie Sherman stated that she would look into the possibility and we should try to get 3-4 sites.

Judy Wolfe read a thank you letter from the New Mexico association for our support of the golf tournament.

Treasurers Report: Dave was necessarily absent, but sent a report that was reviewed by those present. Current total of all accounts is \$16, 556.12.

Membership Report: Violet was necessarily absent, but sent a report that was reviewed by those present. There are currently 32 active members, 2 associate members and 16 youth memberships. Total memberships increased the account balance by \$4,310.00

The need to increase membership was discussed. Trainings need to be presented at each quarterly meeting and a summit or one day conference needs to be considered. Training presented for the August meeting will focus on implementing a Youth Court Month plan and try to coordinate all 34 courts.

Cookie Waller revisited the idea of a Youth Advisory Board. They could be involved in trainings, conference ideas, and the newsletter with a page specifically for youth. Guidance in setting up that board could be gotten from Youth Bureaus.

Committee Reports: There were no reports.

Dottie brought up a discussion of the annual legislative breakfast and how YC might have a presence. We may want to meet with legislators in November. Deb suggested that we begin inviting our legislatures to our ¼ meetings as well. We are seeking their attention not just for the individual funding

of our courts, but also to pursue a statewide initiative. We should be compiling YC stories, video, etc. to present. Perhaps a possible book could come from these submissions.

Old business: Last meeting the 5 cent bottle deposit was discussed. As yet those funds are not encumbered. There was no new information. Mike shared that each court would probably need to submit a budget to the legislature in order for those funds to be apportioned.

Recycling program—can we still recycle phones?

Judy shared that the National organization is currently working on the website and newsletter—more info. coming soon.

New business: Stacey Whitely has left her position as first vice president (she is now in charge of the Mock Trial program for NYS). The vacancy led to the following moving up:

Dottie O’Neill Marble—Vice President

Deb Holland—2nd Vice President

Jocelyn Sikorski—Secretary

The next newsletter will focus on Law Day events. Please get those articles, photos, etc. to Judy. Any info. you have for the newsletter will go to Judy Wolfe, info. for the website to Jackie Sherman.

Judy Wolfe shared the new YC certificates for volunteers and members. Judy will provide these for all YCs in the association.

YC lobby day was discussed. The idea is that each court would bring several kids. We would train the kids in the AM, regarding how to approach their legislators, talking points, etc. Meetings would be scheduled for the PM. Deb made a motion that the Finger Lakes Region meet to discuss and plan, Cookie Waller seconded. That meeting will take place in Livingston County on June 11 at 1:00 PM. Contact Dottie O’Neill-Marble for information or to share ideas.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled on August 26, 2008 hosted by Judy Wolfe , Syracuse.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Holland, Co-Secretary ANYSYC