

Association of New York State Youth Courts  
Quarterly Meeting - Elmsford, New York  
November 4, 2009

In Attendance: Damian Pratt (Onondaga County), Violet Colydas (Colonie Youth Court), Judy Wolfe (SCSD Student Court), Art Lander (Alliance for Safe Kids Youth Court), Katherine Chambers (Warren Co. Youth Court), Jackie Sherman (Center for Courts and the Community-NYC), Deb Holland (Ontario County Youth Court), Cookie Waller (Rochester Teen Court), Ellis Christmas (Greenburgh Youth Court), Tom Schulze (Greenburgh Youth Court), Luanne Strauser (Elmira Youth Court)

ANYSYC President Judy Wolfe opened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Luanne Strauser approved the minutes of the last meeting and Deb Holland seconded the motion. Introductions were made.

Treasurers Report: The treasurers report was given by Judy Wolfe. A motion to approve the report was made by Deb Holland and seconded by Luanne Strauser. Membership Report: Violet Colydas reported that membership applications will be going out this month. A suggestion was made to have the directors of programs send membership information to their youth with a cover letter.

Old Business: *Scholarship*-Luanne Strauser distributed applications for approval. Damian Pratt suggested a standard check off list for directors of programs to verify members good standing in programs. He offered to create a form for Luanne to mail out with application. A motion was approved by Cookie Waller and seconded by Violet Colydas to move forward with scholarship application. *Center for Courts and the Communities Recommended Practices Project* - Jackie Sherman gave an update of the project. She stated that she completed her last site visit at Warren County Youth Court. There were over 50 responses to the survey – a 65% response rate. They are starting to analyze the data. She will be doing a presentation at the National Association of Youth Courts National Conference in Orlando this month. She anticipates the project will be completed next spring. *Decals / Pins* – Violet Colydas gave an update of decals, pricing and design. A vote was approved to the purchase of decals. Violet stated she would look into pricing of small writing pads with the logo on them. *Treasurer position* - Damian Pratt of the Onondaga County Youth Court was elected new treasurer of the Association. *Certificate supplies* – A motion was made and approved to give Judy Wolfe permission to order bulk supplies for ANYSYC certificates for Youth Court graduations and appreciation events.

New Business: *Spring Conference* -A motion was made to accept a proposal to have the Center for Courts and the Communities plan a one-day seminar to release their study of Recommended Practices as well as provide workshops to Youth Court practitioners. An approval was made for the ANYSYC to provide monetary assistance for this event. *Social Networking / Video Conferencing* - A motion was made to look into having someone train the group on the benefits of social networking. There are currently a number of youth courts and associations nationwide who are using Facebook and/or other social networking sites to communicate with members and other interested parties. *Law Day 2010* - Cookie Waller suggested that NYS Youth Courts do something similar across the state to commemorate Law Day. This years theme is Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges. *NAYC* - Violet Colydas and Judy Wolfe

gave an update on the National Association of Youth Courts. ANYSYC members Andy Placito, Katrina Charland, Luanne Strauser, Judy Wolfe and Jackie Sherman will attend the National Conference in Orlando, FL in November, Andy, Judy and Jackie will be presenters at this event. There have been several regional trainings throughout the nation. The NAYC has hired a consultant to help them organize, develop partnerships, and fine tune goals and objectives.

Guest Speaker(s):

Chief Assistant County Attorney Peter Jackson of the Westchester County Attorney's Office spoke about their *Integrated Youth Court*, the first in NYS. Its objective is to consolidate cases of young offenders- criminal, JD and PINS pending in Family Court and Criminal Court to one court – Integrated Youth Court. It is very different than the diversion programs known as Youth Courts– it is a collaboration of Probation, Family Court, County Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office and law enforcement, cases are heard by one judge rather than several courts with a focus on services available. ACA Jim Carpinello and ACA Nick Decicco were also in attendance.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

The next meeting will be held in Rochester, NY on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 hosted by the Rochester Teen Court.

Respectfully submitted by:

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