

# **Association of NYS Youth Courts**

**Quarterly Meeting  
New York Bar Association  
Albany, NY  
April 8, 2010**

**Present:** Katrina Charland (Bethlehem Youth Court), Katherine Chambers (Warren County Youth Court), Violet Clydas (Colonie Youth Court), Lisa Chamberlain (Saratoga County Youth Court), Laurie Peterson (Cattaraugus County Youth Court), Nancy Cormier (Ulster County Youth Court), Laura Paul, Claire McKeon (Babylon Youth Court), Dawn Marie Smith (Babylon Youth Court), Judy Wolfe (SCSD Student Court), Connie Neal (Center for Community Justice, Schenectady Youth Court), Damian Pratt (Onondaga County), Jon Messick (NAYC), Kathleen Zeitlin (Salk Lake Peer Court), Courtney Baker (Warren County), Mikaela Suders (Warren County), Jessica Jennings (Allegany County).

**Call to order:** 3:45pm

## **Introductions:**

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Katherine Chambers to approve minutes of the last meeting. That motion was seconded by Nancy Cormier and was approved.

## **Business Report:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** The monthly cash flow chart was distributed. All finances are up to date. A contribution to the Center for Court Innovation will be made towards the New York State Youth Court Conference. That amount will be reflected in the next meeting's report.
- **Membership:** There are 24 active members and 1 associate member. This brought in a total of \$3,200 in revenue. The membership drive is coming to an end, however there have been a few new applications since our last meeting and there's the possibility of a few more yet to come in. Youth membership certificates are available online. It is up to the directors/coordinators to spread the word about youth membership.
- **Scholarship committee:** There were 49 entries for the scholarship. Judy reports that the scholarship committee was extremely fair in their grading of the scholarship entries. Committee members did not vote for their own courts members. The winners of the scholarship are: Kathleen Comber (Southampton Youth Court), Connor Strader (Onondaga County Youth Court), and Marlyn Moore (City of Elmira Youth Court). Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship, deposited into an account at their college of choice.

**Old Business:**

- Positions: Discussion was had on amending the by-laws to allow for Co-Presidents, in order to help alleviate some of the responsibilities that currently fall on the President and to help encourage more active involvement. This topic will be discussed more at the August meeting.

**New Business:**

- New York State Youth Court Conference – wrap up: The conference went well! The long awaited “Recommended Practices for Youth Courts Manual” was distributed. The agenda included several important speakers, including Chief Judge Judith Kaye (ret.) who was the keynote speaker.
- Newsletter: Members are encouraged to submit youth writings (include a picture and have a permission slip on file as well).
- NAYC – Send submissions to Jon Messick to be included in the NAYC newsletter.

**Adjourn:** 3:55pm

**Next Meeting:** August 31<sup>st</sup>, Syracuse, NY

Respectfully submitted by:  
Katrina Charland, Co-Secretary