

## Minutes of Youth Commission Meeting January 4, 2012

### Youth Attendees:

Kate Shannon                      Katie Farren  
Christy Conley                      Abby Melton  
Ryan Gonzalez-Falla

### Adult Attendees:

Geoff Ball                          Diane Barston  
Meghan Moore                      JoAnn Sawitsky

The meeting was called at 7:30PM on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Troop 50460 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scouts)**

- Working for Bronze Award (20 hrs. community service)
- CT Humane Society — trying to raise money for various animal foods and accessories
- Pitching for baking goods booth at Arts Festival to bake cupcakes for people and dogs and to decorate cookies for free
- 12 members, each making 3-4 baked goods
- (Arts Festival is Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### **Social Services Gift Drive**

- DHS Community Council — \$1500 worth of gift cards
- Town Hall + Rowayton Bank gingerbread men trees received great response and gifts
- Depot Drive — donation boxes for Social Services “Household Closet”

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling + Gym and Swim**

- Gym and Swim will be manageable at the YMCA with ongoing construction

### **Darien Arts Festival (March 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- Still looking at different possibilities for an entertainer
- Will invite face painters and caricaturists
- Same invitees as last year — plus YAT and possibly DHS Dance Team?

### **Youth Commission will have table at the DHS Volunteer Fair with SafeRides**

### **Town Summer Camp**

- First Session: June 25 through July 13
- Second Session: July 16 – August 2
- Survey Monkey to previous years parents

### **Family Concert Series**

- 3 shows last year
- This year last 3 Wednesdays in June (June 13, 20, 27)

### **Budget Update**

- Decrease camp fees by \$1,000
  - Increases to full and part time salaries

- Increase in travel/buses because prices have risen
- Increase program expenses (Added SafeRides to leadership training)
- Increase Halloween Window Painting
- Overall 5% Increase

#### **Parent Awareness**

- Grassroots Career Mentoring Program possible in January
- Miss Representation to be shown in gym/health classes at DHS

#### **SafeRides**

- Things going smoothly
- Router problems; keeping track of rides in notebooks and not always transferring online

#### **Youth Commission Facebook Page**

- Not needed?
- Ask in Survey Monkey
- Instead create huge email distribution; sign up sheets at events such as Summer Concert Series

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30