

**MINUTES OF
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 5 2008**

Attendees:

Anne Maguire	Holly Kelly
Jared Kindy	Jo-Ann Sawitsky
Kathleen Kelly	Christine Wood
Natalie Carmona	Karen Brennan
Caroline Orsi	Geoffrey Ball
Sara Smith	Deb Ritchie
Kendal Kyritz	Meghan Moore
Mackenzie Begley	

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM, followed by an introduction of Youth Commission members, new and existing adult and youth members. Minutes were read and accepted. Holly Kelly made the motion to approve, and Meghan Moore seconded the motion.

TOPS Events:

7th Grade Fall Fun Dance – hosted 244 kids. Boys were not behaving well at this event.

10/24 - 6th Grade Bowling – hosted 266 kids. Very successful event.

11/3 - 7th Grade Afternoon at the Movies, featured High School Musical, with 134 kids attending, which did not fill up two theatres – we had around 35 in one theater and 100 in the other.

10/18 - Halloween Window Painting Contest - we had 48 teams this year. The art work for this event was featured on the front page of Darien News Review. The art work featuring the presidential candidates was mentioned. The art groups were very responsible and the art work was great. Thanks to all Youth Commission members that helped. Youth Commission student board supervised everything all day.

11/14 - 8th Grade TOPS Oldies Night – this dance will actually be a 70's disco night instead of oldies night.

12/5 – Mistletoe Magic – invitations were sent out. We will use digital printers to take pictures and use flash cards for Mistletoe prints. The upper parking lot will be closed for pick-up – parking only be allowed in lower parking lot at Town Hall.

Megan Moore reported on Playground by the Sound. They will be hosting a Cocktail Party at the Darien Nature Center and inquired as to a place where extra food could be donated. Pacific House in Stamford was mentioned as was Neon.

11/21 – Community Wide Movie – “BOLT” – Tickets can be purchased from Youth Commission on Friday morning. Bring ticket and unwrapped gift or gift card to movie theatre. Parent Awareness flyers will be distributed at this event. Parent Awareness also will have a DCAARB (drug and alcohol survey at DHS tomorrow and next week at Middlesex). Michael Nernie, C.A.R.E, did a presentation to the freshman class as well as an evening program for parents on the effects of alcohol and drugs on it. There will also be an upcoming Parent Awareness Program featuring Meg Domino (at MMS on 12/09) highlighting Avoiding Bullying, Cliques and Exclusion.

Newington Children’s Theater – Alicia has not contacted them yet, citing electronic problems with performance last year.

Budget Process:

Due to the economic downturn now being experienced throughout the country there are job freezes on and certain projects on hold. Playground by the Sound was fund-raised entirely by private donations. Orders for equipment for Playground have to be ordered at today’s prices. More money should be made on Playground Bricks which are selling for \$125+ for small brick or larger. It was suggested that the Youth Commission should buy a brick. Megan made a motion to approve this and Holly seconded it.

We will not be raising fees for Summer Camp, however there will be no discount on “additional” child.

Mom & Pop Shop/C.A.R.E. – talking to teens about driving laws and rules for parties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Angela Clark
Recording Secretary**