

**MINUTES OF
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2011**

ATTENDEES:

Katie Farren	Meghan Moore
Abby Melton	Alicia Sillars
Christy Conley	Jo-Ann Sawitsky
Kate Shannon	Dianne Barston
Geoff Ball	Ryan Gonzalez

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM. Minutes from September YC Meeting were read. Dianne Barston made motion to approve, seconded by Jo-Ann Sawitsky.

7th Grade Afternoon at the Movies – hand-out given re choosing movies for middle schoolers for this event. Please give input on what movies you think are good on this list for this age group.

New members of Youth Commission were introduced. Alicia asked if any of them had any question about the Youth Commission in general. Geoff Ball made a motion to approve new candidates. Seconded by Diane Barston. Approved by all.

TOPS 7/8th Grade Tokeneke Fair Night 10/14 – Weather doesn't look good for this event. Alicia to hold off until Friday afternoon to make decision to cancel.

8th Grade Black & White Dance 11/4 – We decided to keep the theme of this event simple.

Halloween Window Painting Contest 10/22 – We need more painters and help with this event. Alicia circulating Help List for this. 31 windows to be painted as of this date.

Parent Awareness "Miss Representation" - A film that portrays how the media modifies and alters women's perception of themselves and how it impacts young women and disempowers them. Movie to be shown 11/2 and 11/9 at Darien Library.

Community Fund – Thriving Youth Connected Community – "A New Year, a New You" – forum To be held at DCA on 2/9/12 from 10:00-2:00PM featuring organizations, agencies and some businesses which aim at improving mental, emotional and physical wellness.

Youth Asset Team update – Meghan Moore – study showed schools were not a caring environment for students and that the arts were not a strength in the community.

Community Movie benefitting Social Services Holiday Gift Drive – 11/17 – This event combines a free movie if bringing an unwrapped gift to be given to Social Services for holiday distribution to needy families.

Community Arts Festival: A Day to Create – 3/3/2012 - Karen Brennan's Girl Scout troop seeking permission to hold a bake sale there – working toward their "Bronze Award". Alicia thought this would be fine – Karen would like the girls to pitch the idea to us at the January Meeting so that they could benefit from the experience.

Tilley Pond Model Boat Regatta 5/5/2012 - not discussed.

Final business – Alicia stated that the Youth Commission needs three more adult members to have a full complement for meetings/voting. Four out of seven must be present to constitute a quorum. Can be Republican or Independent.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Clark
Recording Secretary