

**MINUTES OF  
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 1 2009**

**Attendees:**

<b>Caroline Orsi</b>	<b>Diane Barston</b>
<b>Kendall Kyritz</b>	<b>Alicia Sillars</b>
<b>Sarah Smith</b>	<b>Joanne Sawitsky</b>
<b>Jared Kindy</b>	<b>MacKenzie Begley</b>
<b>Geoff Ball</b>	<b>Meghan Moore</b>
<b>Lynn Strother</b>	<b>Deb Ritchie</b>

**The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. Motion to approve minutes was made by Geoff Ball, and seconded by Meghan Moore and Deb Ritchie.**

**Alicia then introduced new adult board member, Diane Barston.**

**My Three Sons - 3/6 – 125 attendees at this event – we were competing with basketball and hockey tournaments out of town.**

**Community Festival of Arts – 3/7 – about 250 attended this event at Town Hall, and bad weather was a plus for this type of event. Phil Klipper, Magician entertained 150 people. We had some new groups this year – First Congregational Church Youth Group, DAC Theatre Group, Roebeks, Red Cross. Roebek's gave out smoothies and a logo/character of fruit for kids to color. They also had a placard in Roebek's store and coupons for Youth Commission.**

**We also need to have more artist caricaturists – the lines were very long. Could use more than one.**

**7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Skating Party – 3/24 – 75 kids attended. We lost some money on this, but the event was a lot of fun for all. It was also suggested we do this event in January and do the Bowling in March or April.**

**The Depot Spelling Bee – 3/29 – this hour long event received very positive feedback. Participants had to pay \$150 per team to enter. Some were sponsored by other people, organizations or businesses. Alicia and Janice Marzano were judges. This raised \$4000 for Depot.**

**Upcoming TOPS Events:**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Fling – 4/17 – we will sell flowers and get donations for the hemispherectomy foundation in Grace Wohlberg's name.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Clash Bash – 4/24**

**Hindley Fair Nite – 5/8**

**Tilley Pond Model Boat Regatta – 5/02 – Mark & Barbara Thorne will be judges at this event, with band “Tone” performing. We will be getting new flags. Joyce Battone will be doing Boat Building Workshops Thursday and Friday before event.**

**Summer Camp 2009**

**Hindley 21/1<sup>st</sup> session 23/2<sup>nd</sup> session 13/six weeks**

**Town Hall 59/1<sup>st</sup> session 84/2<sup>nd</sup> session 39/six weeks**

**Holmes 76/1<sup>st</sup> session 65/2<sup>nd</sup> session 45/six weeks**

**Staff has been chosen, and Alicia was inundated with applicants. 17 positions have to be filled and 30 applications are being reviewed.**

**Scholarship requests for camp are coming in from a much different populations due to economic conditions.**

**Out of the 231 campers registered, 104 were done in office or by mail and 130 online.**

**Human Services Planning Council**

**Volunteer Luncheon on 5/15 – We need nominations for this – please e-mail Alicia with your nominee.**

**MSSAP – began registration for this middle school camp program – a total of 30 kids per week will be accepted.**

**Concerts:**

**Sandcastle Building/Joe DeLeo Band – 6/24.**

**YWCA Family Event – Push-Pull Parade – Youth Commission to support this with \$500 contribution.**

**DCCARB – Search Institute did survey from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in Darien Schools. An action plan will be developed once the results are given to Board of Education before it goes public. This basically shows what assets/weaknesses of a community are.**

**Parent Awareness - 4/30. Barry Halpin is doing Improv Kids for drug awareness with police officers. They will also be having speakers for “Encouraging Readings in an Electronic Age” and for adolescent risky behavior. All speakers are paid for this out of donations which are solicited.**

**Playground on the Sound – 5/31 – Engineering Study has been completed.**

**Town of Darien Website – will be changed to make is more user-friendly. Personnel at Town Hall have under went training for this.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Angela M. Clark  
Recording Secretary**