

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
Westborough Youth and Family Services Office
Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building
45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA
December 12, 2011
7:00 PM to 8:26 PM

PRESENT: Michelle Grasso, Andy Rosenshine, Judith Tully, Casey Collins, Cameron Mattheson, Ritika Lahoty, Oscar Najarian

ABSENT: Christine Anthony and Ali Strand

WYFS: John Badenhause, Director
Eileen Reich, Counselor
Cathy Cairns, Administrative Assistant

7:45 PM: MEETING OPENED/ MINUTES REVIEWED

Michelle called the meeting to order and the October minutes were reviewed. Judith made a motion to accept the minutes, Andy seconded, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

7:50 PM: REPORT FROM YOUTH MEMBERS

The Youth Members reported that the Winter Ball will be in January. The a cappella group, "Overboard," performed in November. There was a pep rally recognizing the fall athletes. Ned's had an open-mic night. The Environmental Club is promoting recycling in the school. There are security cameras placed inside and outside of the gym, in the hallways leading to the gym and in some of the parking lots. Cameron said the Venture Group will run a Christmas Tree pickup. The Chemistry club is running a Penny War with the money going for water filters in Third World Countries.

8:00 PM: OTHER BUSINESS

John reported that the Town Manager supports our proposed budget, which includes full funding for HSN. He still needs to meet with Fin. Comm. Since this budget is for FY13, WYFS will use what money is left of the HSN funds to start the program this summer. Town Meeting is in March, which gives WYFS time to fundraise if needed.

WYFS will receive the \$500 Cummings Grant.

8:05 PM: INTERVIEW WITH PATRICIA AINSLEIGH FOR Y.C. POSITION

The group members each introduced themselves, told of their background and why they wanted to be on the Youth Commission. Patricia Ainsleigh told about herself: her experience running a day care and as a foster parent, and her experience with WYFS. Michelle pointed out it would be nice to have someone on the board who has received services from this office.

The Selectmen's office hadn't yet responded to Patricia's letter requesting to be on the Board. John said he would follow up on this.

After a brief discussion, Andy made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Patricia Ainsleigh be appointed to the Youth Commission. Judith seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to make the recommendation.

8:26 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM