

**YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
Westborough Youth and Family Services Office  
Room 21, Forbes Municipal Building  
45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA  
**January 9, 2012**  
**7:30 PM to 8:15 PM**

**PRESENT:** Michelle Grasso, Andy Rosenshine, Judith Tully, Christine Anthony, Patricia Ainsleigh, Casey Collins, Cameron Mattheson, Ritika Lahoty, Oscar Najarian

**ABSENT:** Ali Strand

**WYFS:** John Badenhause, Director  
Cathy Cairns, Administrative Assistant

**7:30 PM: MEETING OPENED/ MINUTES REVIEWED**

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

**7:35 PM: REPORT FROM YOUTH MEMBERS**

The Youth Members reported that mid-term exams were coming up next Thursday. The Winter Ball was held last Friday. The French Club held a food sale that went well.

**7:40 PM: MAUREEN AMBROSINO, LIBRARY DIRECTOR SPOKE ABOUT WESTBOROUGH READS**

Maureen Ambrosino spoke about the history of the "Westborough Reads Together" project, explaining that the original idea came when John talked about putting together a town-wide reading program. "Westborough Reads Together" is being organized by the Westborough Public Library, Westborough Public Schools' Libraries, WYFS and Westborough TV.

One goal is to offer Westborough residents a shared reading experience. Another goal is to have adults and teens discuss the book together in groups. And to help the process, the Library is offering training this week on how to lead a book discussion group. The challenge was to choose a book that would appeal to both high school teens and adults. The organizers chose *Please Ignore Vera Dietz* by A.S. King because it deals with a lot of issues Westborough teens may be facing. Some of the High School teachers are using the book in their classes.

The "Westborough Reads Together" program kicked off at the November screening of the film, *Race to Nowhere*. There will be a number of events connected to the town-wide read such as a scavenger hunt, author appearances, and a film festival contest run by Westborough TV.

WYFS will hold a book discussion on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**7:56 PM: OTHER BUSINESS**

John reported he received an email asking if WYFS would like to participate in the Rotary Club's Spring Festival on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed possibly having a table only until noon or 1:00, since most of the activity took place in the morning last year. It was decided to wait to see what other organizations are going to be there, but to let the Rotary Club know we are interested in participating.

Patricia Ainsleigh is being appointed by the Selectman to the Youth Commission Board on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle suggested the group review the Youth Commission Strategic Plan to see where the group is now and so the newer members can review the plan.

Since it is the beginning of the budget discussion season, it was suggested we contact Westborough TV and ask them to rerun the cable program with Tim Dodd interviewing John and Michelle about WYFS.

**8:15 PM: MEETING ADJOURNED**

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:30 PM**