

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

November 12, 2008

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 10/15/08; November Department Report; Major Accomplishments in 2008; Parent Coffee Flyer, Internship Collaborative Schedule 2008/2009; Books and Bridges Flyer; Babysitting Class Flyer; RAY of Hope Press Release; FY 2010 Request (draft); Materials Related to Take Back The Night; and newspaper articles/clippings (9).

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 10/15/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- QPR program: the first community training was held on 11/5 and was well received.
- QPR training is being scheduled for Town Employees in early 2009.
- DVAC Update: Bringing "The Yellow Dress" to Needham on 1/15/09.
- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens; the first evening was held on 10/29 and the focus was drugs/alcohol.
- Books and Bridges: the first program of the year is slated for tonight 11/12.
- Babysitter Trainings Update: November training has begun, and Katy will facilitate the next training.
- We will be presenting to the School Committee on 12/2/08.
- Attended the Special Town Meeting on 10/27/08.
- The votes on Ballot #1 and #4 were such that the impact upon the town's budget was positive.
- Peer Tutor Program update: initial check-in meetings are now happening.
- Returning to Sweet Basil Restaurant for two Parenting Programs on 2/2/09 for parents of high school youth and 3/9/09 for parents of middle school youth.
- The Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention continues to meet; please contact the office for details.
- Healthy Needham 2011 continues to meet; please contact the office for details.
- The Forde Award ceremony will be held on 1/26/09; this year's committee members will be Doug and Connie.
- We hope to be at NHS during lunch periods alerting youth to job openings and the Employment Program.
- We are starting to get PR out to parents about the Parent Coffee Program.
- We were in contact with people from the Youth Center regarding the recent incident.
- Katy/Lucas Update: mother and baby are doing great.
- We are talking with the Needham Community Council about a project regarding volunteerism in Needham.
- New clinical supervisor to begin next month.
- We expect to be presenting to the Exchange Club in early 2009 (date to be announced).
- We are facilitating groups at both the Eliot and Hillside Elementary Schools.
- We are finishing up PEEPS at Pollard later this month.

➤ **Administrative Focus: FY 2010 Preview, and Issues Related to Youth Commission Offices in a New Town Hall**

Discussed Needham's FY 2010 and the schedule/timeline of events/meeting. Time was also devoted to the issue of the proposed space for the Youth Commission in a temporary and a renovated Town Hall.

➤ **Program Focus: Take Back The Night**

Distributed literature from the event and generally discussed the 2nd annual evening. Overall it was very successful.

➤ **Old/New Business**

- Christopher Coleman will be our guest at the December meeting.

➤ **Next Board Meeting:** December 10, 2008 -- 5:30 Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members Present:	Cathy Lunetta, Connie Barr, Ian Campbell, Sarah Cocuzzo, Ronnie Haas, Doug Levy, Vin Springer, and Debbie Winnick
Staff Present:	Jon Mattleman
Notes By:	Jon Mattleman