

**Wilton Youth Council
Board Meeting
September 12, 2011**

Present: Nan Merolla, Mimi Houska, Colleen Fawcett, Joanna Copley, Carol Ball, Connie Cobb, Maria Wilcox, Nancy Gany, Victoria Briglin, Barbarajean Segall, and Kathleen Davis.

Meeting called to order @ 11:06 a.m.

Secretary's Report

Motion made by Mimi Houska; seconded by Joanna Copley to approve the minutes of June 7, 2011. **Approved.**

Distributed most current version of contact list.

President's Report

Nan asked the 2010-2011 to introduce themselves; welcomed new board member Kathleen Davis.

Nan's term as President is up and she has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found. Joanna and Mimi are working at finding a replacement. The new president will ideally shadow Nan for a period of time so the transition is seamless.

Annual appeal will go out 1st week of November.

WYC will not focus on Marketing and Publicity this year until those board positions are filled.

Nan expects similar results from this year's appeal based on positive response and good publicity we received last year from all our activities.

No major fund raising event is scheduled for this year.

Nan would like WYC to focus this year on sustaining our current programs in the schools and community.

WYC also needs to continue to focus on grant writing.

Vice President's Report

Update on 2011 class project:

Co-Chairs for the 2011 PGP are in the process of investigating making repairs to the "hut". **Motion** made by Nancy Gany that funds left over from the 2011 PGP will stay in the class account until the end of the year or be used prior to that time subject to board approval. **Approved**

Treasurer

Maria Wilcox presented the actuals from July 2011 to August 2012.

Motion made by Connie Cobb; seconded by Mimi Houska to approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented. **Approved.**

Parent Connection

Nancy reported that Parent Connection volunteers met on September 9th. The following programs are planned:

Sept. 20, 2011 @ Wilton library Parenting Book Discussion Series: The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness: Five Steps to Help Kids Create and Sustain Lifelong Joy. Presented by Dr. Susan Bauerfeld. Recurring Dates: The 3rd Tuesday of every other month [11/15/11, 1/17/12, 3/20/12, 5/15/12]

Sept. 27 2011 @ Wilton Library "How to Support Your Student's Study Skills and Keep Your Sanity". Presented by Michelle Sagalyn, Founder & President of S4 – Successful Study Skills 4 Students. Two workshops: morning and evening.

Oct. 15, 20011 @ Wilton library Parenting Book Discussion Series: Getting to Calm: Cool-Headed Strategies for Parenting Tweens & Teens. Presented by Dr. Susan Bauerfeld.

Jan. 10, 2012 @ Wilton library Parenting Book Discussion Series: Mindset. Presented by Dr. Susan Bauerfeld.

Mar. 20,2012 @ Wilton library Parenting Book Discussion Series: [Under consideration] Nature Shock; the Launching Years: Strategies for Parenting from Senior Year to College Life; Play; The Blessing of a B Minus. Presented by Dr. Susan Bauerfeld.

Nancy is formulating a program for kids moving up to WHS. Connie said other towns in the area have forums for incoming freshmen.

Nominating

Joanna reported that Stephen Geraghty is taking over the website position. Still looking for a president and an assistant treasurer.

PeerConnection

Colleen Fawcett reported that 20 students have signed up for PeerConnection this year. Training of the students will begin in October. The first Task Force meeting is Thurs. Sept. 22 3:30-5:00pm at Middlebrook School Media Center. They will focus on new surveys this year (past surveys done in 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2007) which are comparable to previous years surveys. This will enable the group to see any trends and whether or not they are making any headway in reducing underage drinking and other risky behaviors. The group will also have a discussion on the upcoming vote regarding a new ordinance allowing beer to be sold in grocery stores.

Colleen also reported she is looking to fill the opening for "WYC Program Manager". This position is grant funded.

Grant Writing

Carol Ball reported that she has applied MFSAC for a \$3000.00 grant which will help fund CODES this year.

Barbarajean Segall reported that WYC will not be getting a grant from Newman's Own this year. She is going to reapply now for next year. Barbarajean is also concerned about funding from FCCF for this year, she has not heard from them yet.

Newsletter

Connie Cobb reported that the Community Concern booklet will be mailed to 6th graders in October. She also spoke about the Social Norms creative campaign that is being developed for students and parents. This research will show that most Wilton teens choose not to drink, correcting the misperception that everyone is doing it. Connie found an interesting website www.bethewall.org and suggested it could provide possible usages/options to WYC.

Class Projects

Mimi reported that she is getting information together for "Class Project" Chairs.

Program Reports

Colleen reported there will not be a speaker for "Red Ribbon Week" at Middlebrook.

Meeting adjourned @12:45Pm