

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board Meeting January 8, 2004

Members in attendance: Maria A. Calleri, Paul Clemens, Steven Cook, Matt Daskel, Sharon DiGioia-Daskel, Steve Dowdy, Debra Hammer, Laura Kirsche, James Milne, Barbara Ruhe, Nancy Stilwell

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Debra Hammer.

The [minutes from December 4, 2003](#) were reviewed and accepted and printed.

Department of Social and Youth Services Update:

- There is a new part-time social worker that will work one evening per week to handle a few clinical cases while Kelley is on maternity leave.
- The Christmas adopt a family project which brought in food and presents for families in need, was successful - 74 families with 161 children were served as well as several individuals.
- The skate park is progressing nicely, and it is turning out to be a kid-run project. There are considerations for an informal bottle drive as a fundraising project.
- Volunteer recognition night is set for Tuesday April 13. Any child will be recognized for completing at least one hour of community service. Forms will be ready for school representatives at the February meeting. There will be speakers and a raffle.

Youth Advisory Board:

- Nancy Stilwell and Deb Hammer will address the PTSA at the high school on behalf of the YAB, regarding our need of members.
- Mayor Morin asked for our help in promoting participants in youth government. This will be difficult until we get more board members.
- "Yes I Will" program is underway. Literature is being prepared for Wethersfield law firms, any of which can participate. If they choose to do so, any parent can purchase a simple will which will designate a guardian for their children and disperse their assets. The typical cost is \$350.00, \$50 will go towards the processing of the will, and \$300 will be a donation to the Youth Advisory Board.

Other Business:

- There is a meeting for the under-age drinking task force on January 20.
- There will most likely be a school resource officer at the high school. This officer will work towards community building, and make police officers more friendly faces.
- Financial report remains the same.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.