

Needham Youth Commission

Board of Director Meeting Notes

January 14, 2009

Materials Distributed (both prior to and at the meeting): Agenda; Minutes of 12/10/08; January Department Report; Forde Award Invitation 2009, QPR Flyer; Needham Housing Authority Program Flyer; A Conversation...For Parents of Teens Evaluation Compilation; FY 2010 Information; Board Retreat Food Assignments; RAY of Hope Press Release; Materials Related to the Books and Bridges Program; and Materials Related to a Renovated Town Hall.

➤ **Approved the Meeting Notes of 12/10/08**

➤ **Department Report**

- Distributed supplemental information packet.
- QPR program: next training will be held on 1/21 for the community and on 2/3 for town employees.
- A Conversation...For Parents of Teens: next session is 2/4 focusing on "Single Parenting a Teen."
- Discussed the upcoming Forde Award to be held on 1/26.
- Over the course of the new year the "DCSS" will be renamed the "Department of Human Services."
- Over the course of the next year the "Needham Youth Commission" will become "Needham Youth and Family Services."
- PEEPS Update: Currently facilitating this program at Pollard Middle School.
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- DVAC Update: Bringing "The Yellow Dress" to Needham on 1/15.
- School groups: noted school based groups currently being facilitated.
- Babysitter Trainings Update: Katy will facilitate the next training slated for late January.
- Returning to Sweet Basil Restaurant for two Parenting Programs; 2/2 for parents of high school youth and 3/9 for parents of middle school youth.
- The Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention continues to meet monthly; please contact the office for details.
- Healthy Needham 2011 continues to meet; please contact the office for details.
- We are piloting bringing the Employment Program to Needham High School; and it is going well thus far.
- We will be presenting to the Exchange Club in February.
- Safe Surf presentations will begin at the end of this week at Pollard Middle School.
- We are presenting to parents at the Needham Housing Authority on 1/22.
- We participated on the search committee to identify a new principal for Needham High School.
- Discussed "food assignments" for the Staff/Board Retreat in February

➤ **Administrative Focus: FY 2010 and Plans For a Renovated Town Hall**

Regarding FY 2010: Met with the Finance Committee on 1/12 regarding our request and it was a brief presentation. It was a pleasant meeting and special thanks to Cathy Lunetta for representing the Board.

Regarding a Renovated Town Hall: Updated plans were distributed to members and issues were discussed.

➤ **Program Focus: Books and Bridges Program**

Materials were distributed about this endeavor and members were brought up to date on the 2008/2009 program.

➤ **Old/New Business**

(none)

➤ **Next Board Meeting:** February 11, 2009 - 5:30 182 Marked Tree Road, Needham, MA

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