

Ridgefield Youth Commission
Minutes
February 4, 2009

Present:

Denise Qualey, Leslie Brown, Scott Nuechterlein, Frank Orzechowski, Kelly Orzechowski, Linda Caponetti, Connie Johnson, John Lionetti, John Katz, Jennifer Tunnard

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Welcome visitors and new members

*Introduction to the Youth Commission for visitors and new members

*Group discussion on building student membership

Linda gave an overview of her role as the new Barn Director and some of the activities happening at the Barn. Linda and John shared their view of how the Barn is helpful for many students that need a safe, supportive and nurturing place to go that don't often fit into the traditional programs in town. The Barn will be featured in the Ridgefield Press next week.

Barn Report

Linda said they are often getting 50 to 60 students a day and all has been running very smoothly.

John Katz will be looking into water problem with the floor

The kids have been fundraising and have many ideas for more ways to raise money to help the Barn.

Youth Services

John said they have hired a new part time counselor Doug Burel. Lisa Kuller is still full time and working about 22 hours per week in the schools.