

**Ridgefield Youth Commission**

Wednesday  
May 4, 2011  
7:00pm  
Lower Level  
Town Hall

Approve Minutes

Welcome members and visitors

The Ridgefield Community Coalition against Substance Abuse (RCCASA)  
Leir Retreat Center June 20<sup>th</sup> – 4-7:30 Youth Participant Needed

Safe Rides Presentation

Youth Services Update

Inside Out Players Update

Barn Report

-Antique Show Project

Barn Renovation Update

New Business

Next meeting

June 1, 2011 – this is our last meeting until September

## Ridgefield Youth Commission

### Minutes

April 6, 2011

Present: Welcome Back Ruth Leibowitz!, Denise Qualey, Lauren Gotimer, Sloan Mandler, Maria Markus, Leslie Brown, Mark Giglio, Hugh Lasberg, Will Masters, Steve Uricchio, Sean Sulli, Linda Caponetti, John Katz, Wendy Lionetti, Jeff Bonistalli

#### **Approve Minutes**

#### **Welcome New Members and Visitors**

Welcome home from California Ruth. Ruth will be splitting her time between Ridgefield and California for the coming years. Her plan is to participate and attend commission meetings the months she is in CT.

We welcomed Maria Markus Ridgefield resident and owner of the Tutoring Club in Ridgefield. Maria is interested in joining the commission and sitting in tonight to learn more.

#### **Ridgefield Remembers**

Leslie Brown updated the commission that the planning committee is starting the preparation for the Second Annual Ridgefield Remembers Event on June 5, 2011 at the Boy's and Girl's Club. They are requesting financial support from the commission again this year. The group has \$500.00 set aside from last year to start them off with this year's event. The commission requested more information on the budget and expenses and for the group to assist us in our decision. Leslie will bring that to the May meeting.

#### **Yes 2 Youth Event**

The grand total raised was \$6251.07 – the committee has decided to put aside \$1000.00 to start planning for next year. Expenses for this year's event were \$1600.00.

#### **Youth Services**

\*Lisa Kuller has taken a leave of absence through April. Sarah will be filling in for her with Doug.

\*Youth Services has received a 10% funding cut which equals about \$9000.00.

\*Doug will be providing supervision for the Barn staff. Linda and Jeff will be scheduling time with him to review how things are developing at the Barn and any clinical concerns with the students attending.

#### **Barn Report**

\*The staff has reported an ongoing issue with mice. It appears that it is better with the mouse traps/poison the town has put out.

\* Attendance has been strong and the last acoustic night went well.

\* Staff has instituted a registration packet for all students to complete if they are going to utilize the Barn.

\*There will be a rock house on April 29, 2011.

\* We are still developing a plan for the renovation of the Barn. We have the donated cabinetry, sink and dishwasher in storage at the Qualey's. Currently the builder we were working with is not available due to a medical issue but we will be following up with him in a few weeks.

### **Inside Out Players Group Update**

Ruth has decided after 25 years of leading the Inside Out Players she will be discontinuing program this year. It would not be possible to run living out of state half the year. She had discussed this decision with John Katz at Youth Services and he agreed.