

Ridgefield Youth Commission

March 3, 2010

Minutes

Attendance:

Scott Nuechterlein, Denise Qualey, John Lionetti, Eleanor Coleman, Wendy Lionetti, Jeff Bonistalli, Linda Caponetti, Sean Sulli, Tom Bruno, Leslie Brown, Mark Giglio, Kelly Orzechowski, Jack Carlson

Tonight's meeting is being held at the Barn

Veteran's Project Update

The deadline for completing the project is May 1st. – The plan is to put together a display that is a tribute to our military in the glass cases on the first and second floor of Town Hall – The next meeting to discuss the plans for Veterans Day is this Friday at 7:30am in Town Hall – attending will be Wendy, Jeff, Scott (from the Youth Commission) along with, George Besr, Barbara Serfilippi, Kay Ables, Bunny Lancaster, Doris Ventres, Carmine Deyoung and two veterans – The plan is to collect memorabilia, pieces from military uniforms and other items on loan from local people, representing different branches of the armed services as well as from different periods in history.

Barn Update

All attending tonight's meeting had a tour of the Barn (quick tour)

The hours at the Barn are currently Tues 2-6, Friday 2-10 and Saturday 2-6

The Barn staff presented a request along with research, comparison shopping and different configurations of purchases for a new sound system at the Barn. The commission voted unanimously in favor of purchasing the equipment at the cost of \$2,800. – Those voting

members that were not attending tonight's meeting were later emailed for their support and Frank and Connie voted yes as well.

Presentation of the "Ridgefield Remembers" Event

Leslie Brown presented on behalf of a group that is planning an event to commemorate the lives of all those we have lost in our town with a community day of caring. They want to raise awareness that healing from grief takes time, compassion, and support. They are looking at this to become an annual event to include a 5k run (or walk) followed by food, music, celebrations of life, and will close with a community balloon release ceremony.

The planning committee is Marcio Figueiredo, Leslie Brown, Kaitlyn Mohr, and Joe Bonitatebus. The group is looking to raise funds and when plans are more definite would like to ask the Youth Commission to support the event. The committee will come to next month's meeting with finalized plans and more details on how we can help.

Update on "Recycle it"

Kelly Orzechowski said they have now collected 453 ink cartridges bring us to a total of \$601. There will be another article in the press soon. There are currently 11 sites for drop off – some new sites are Ancona's, Practically Green, The Ridgefield Press, and Natures Temptation. The plan is to have an oversized check to present at the Earth Day celebration in town.

Next Meeting April 7, 2010