

**Ridgefield Youth Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**November 4, 2009**

**Attending:**

Denise Qualey, Ruth Leibowitz, Sean Sulli, Kelly Orzechowski, Frank Orzechowski, Mark Giglio, John Roche, Scott Nuechterlein, Linda Caponetti, John Lionetti, Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Jeff Bonistalli, Eleanor Coleman, Emily Kenney, John Katz and Tom Bruno

**Meeting:**

Discussion on this year's Family University for those that were unable to attend

The group continued the discussion on developing and expanding the scope of the Youth Commission. We discussed ways to continue to be an advocate for youth in our community and to reach out to more young people.

A couple of strategies we are exploring are:

- \*Letter's to the editor on youth related issues submitted by different members of the commission- Scott will submit the first one and John will work on the next letter
- \*Partnering with the police department on youth related activities to build relationships and communication
- \*Working with the businesses downtown to be enhance relationships and improve the image of the Barn
- \*Supporting the Holiday Stroll by selling hot chocolate
- \*Working with the Substance Abuse Coalition
- \*Attending selected town meetings such as the Board of Education to maintain a good understanding of what is happening locally with issues related to young people

**Barn Report**

- \*The staff worked on a set of rules that will now be posted at the Barn
- \*There is a focus on being better neighbors to the elementary school and the Community Center
- \*The attendees of the Barn have started a fund to raise money for activities at the Barn

Next Meeting December 2, 2009

**Ridgefield Youth Commission**

**7 pm Wednesday  
December 2, 2009  
Lower Level  
Town Hall**

**Approve Minutes**

**Agenda**

- Confirm strategies to develop Youth Commission
- Barn Report
- Youth Services Update
- School Updates

New Business

