

**Youth-Adult Council**  
**10/20/08 Meeting Summary**

**Attendees:** Tim Manke, Will Jordan, Mike Gaydos, Nick Grondin, Laura Marchese, Jennifer Pratte, Jennifer Savitt Pratt, Karen Brenner, Allison Brenner, Chris Banach, Billy Pollock, Myra Cohen, Jeremy Visone, Christina Salvio, Ken Freidenberg, Dan Cronin

**Call to order: 6:32pm**

**Approval of previous summary**

Approval of summary by unanimous consent.

**Selection of Vice Chair and Secretary**

Laura Marchese was selected as YAC Vice-Chair by unanimous consent.

Mike Gaydos was selected as YAC Secretary by unanimous consent.

**Super Hoop-La March 6, 2009**

Event structure will be kept similar to previous year(s). Jeremy Visone will contact Sandy Pilz for event assistance. Will Jordan will organize NHS Students to assist with event coverage. Karen Brenner will contact Newington Public Market for the food.

**YAC Substance Abuse Prevention Mini-Grant Applications**

Sub-Committee provided a briefing of submitted applications. Meeting with Mini-Grant Proposal Representatives:

Richard Losh – Grand Night-Nights of Columbus: Poster Contest. Contest will be for students ages 8-14. The grant is seeking \$1500 in funding to offer savings bonds as prizes for the various age groups. The contest is part of a national Nights of Columbus initiative to have youth create drug/alcohol/tobacco awareness posters. Winners from the local (Newington Chapter) will advance to regional/state/national level competitions.

Nancy Russo – Newington High School Substance Abuse Counselor: Impact Program. This Mandatory program for students in grades 11&12 at NHS will enable students to witness a mock car crash and inform students of the dangers of drinking and driving during the Prom Season. Assemblies following the mock crash will empower students to make positive choices as well as influence people around them to make positive decisions. The grant is seeking \$1500 to purchase bumper stickers to distribute to students and provide funding/donations to Impact and CCMS Life Star.

Gail Peloquin and Partrick Sullivan – Omega Youth and Family Center: TNT Support Group. Group will be held at church offices for “anyone suffering from hurts, habits, and hang-ups”. The support group will offer teens a place to go after school hours to receive counseling services, peer counseling, and homework support. Prayer would be available

if participants choose. The grant seeks \$1500 for materials (TNT manual/texts) and snacks.

### **Mini-Grant Discussion**

YAC approved by unanimous consent to hold a portion of the grant funds for future programs despite published deadline of Dec. 1.

YAC approved by unanimous consent to grant \$700 to Knights of Columbus to fund the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners (2 @ \$200), 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners (2 @ \$100), and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners (2 @ \$50).

YAC approved by unanimous consent to grant \$1500 to NHS Chapter of SADD to fund the Impact program for Prom Promise.

YAC approved by unanimous consent to table a decision for Omega Youth and Family Center pending clarification of use of grant monies. Omega will send the educational materials to Ken Freidenberg to be shared with YAC.

### **Reports**

High School – College Fair on 10/23, Homecoming (Pep Rally 10/24, Football Game 10/24, Dance 10/25), PSAT's, Channel 3 Cool Schools

Town Council – No report

Police – No report

Human Services – report attached to 10/20 agenda

Board of Education – No report

Parks and Recreation – No report

**Adjournment :** 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Mike Gaydos

**Next Meeting: November 10 at 7pm**