

Ridgefield Youth Commission  
December 2, 2009  
Minutes

**Attendance:**

Sean Sulli, Kelsey Dynia, Ruth Leibowitz, Samantha Nuechterlein, Scott Nuechterlein, Jeff Bonistalli, Denise Qualey, Kelly Orzechowski, Frank Orzechowski, Linda Caponetti, John Katz, John Lionetti, Ellie Coleman, Connie Johnson, Wendy Lionetti, Mark Giglio

**Approve Minutes**

**Agenda**

Activities:

Frank and Linda presented "Recycle it" a community service project and fundraiser for the Barn. Young people will man bins around town during the holiday stroll and hand out flyers about the project. The bins will be collecting used ink and laser cartridges for recycling. Frank's company Cartridge World will make a donation to the Ridgefield Teen Barn for each cartridge collected. The project will last for the next four weeks.

Scott and Samantha will be submitting an article to the Ridgefield Press about the function and needs of the Youth Commission. A discussion on the mission and goals of the commission was had.

Jeff updated the group on the site Patch.com and it maybe something the commission may want to utilize in the future.

Wendy presented the idea of the commission working on a project in Town Hall to acknowledge Ridgefield residents involved in the military - Wendy has had contact with a woman named Doris Ventris, who writes to every active military person from Ridgefield -currently it was estimated to be 50 people from our community active in today's military. There is also a group called "Blue Star Mothers" that may be helpful for us to work with to develop our project. Jeff volunteered to attend the next "Blue Star Mothers" meeting with Wendy and bring the information back to the commission.

### **Barn Update**

Funk night has been rescheduled for the following week.

Attendance has been strong.

An additional day afternoon will be added to the Barn schedule.

### **Old Business**

Marian Roth from the Chamber of Commerce was invited to a commission meeting to give feedback from the chamber members on their experience with the youth in our community. Marian welcomed the opportunity to work with us on improving relations between young people and the local businesses as well as ways the Barn can be a good neighbor to the downtown community. Marian will let us know the next meeting she can attend.