

## **RIDGEFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL**

**Meeting held February 17, 2009**

### Approved Minutes

In attendance: Terry Budlong, Karen Facini, Dylan Manderlink, Susan Dighton, Petra Wynkoop, Marita Michelin, and Katherine Grissom

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

New attendees Michael Petrucelli, Frank Lucisano, Suzanne Brennan and Anne Marcus introduced themselves.

Rudy Marconi would like to broadcast a “Ridgefield Now We’re Talking” program to discuss the results of the Search Institute survey given to RHS students last spring.

Dylan Manderlink reported on the upcoming Youth to Youth Conference at RHS and the International Summer Conference and the fundraisers that will be held.

Terry Budlong reported on the “Kids Who Lead, Succeed” Conference to be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at ERMS. The conference will focus on positive leadership and drug and alcohol prevention. Ty Sells will also speak to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students earlier in the day at RHS.

The RPC is sponsoring “The Price of Privilege” book club event on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Dayton Room at the Ridgefield Public Library. This event is open to parents and teens age 15+ and is sure to be an “eye opener”. Books can be purchased at Books On the Common at a 15% discount, but it is not necessary to read the book to attend. Flyers will be distributed to publicize the Book Club event. The RPC may talk to teachers about offering extra credit to students who attend.

The “Teens for Kids” program was discussed briefly. This program involves high school students talking to middle school students.

Sue Dighton discussed new ideas for the 2009 Family University workshops – substance abuse, family communications, self-esteem and stress. There are many opportunities to bring in professionals. There was also discussion of changing the name and format of Family University. The number of sessions may be reduced to give each session more time and the perhaps have the Inside Out Players perform during dinner. Ginger Katz was suggested as a keynote speaker.

RPC members agreed to meet at 6:15 p.m. on March 17<sup>th</sup> (prior to the public meeting) to have a brainstorming session on Family University.

Petra Wynkoop and Suzanne Brennan will man a RPC table at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Ridgefield Playhouse event.

The idea was raised to award a Chief Ligi scholarship to the Youth to Youth Conference at RHS. Michael Petrucelli expressed his concern over not being able to get the schools on board with various projects. Michael expressed his desire to help bring Ginger Katz to Ridgefield.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next RPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in the Coalition Office. There will be a brainstorming session prior to the meeting at 6:15 p.m. for RPC members.

Respectfully submitted,

Dylan Manderlink, Secretary