

## **RIDGEFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL**

Meeting held June 16th, 2009

In attendance: Rudy Marconi, Terry Budlong, Petra Wynkoop, Karen Facini, Dylan Manderlink, Anne Marie Surfaro-Boehme, Tim Hastings, Susan Leib, Marita Michelin, Katherine Grissom and Suzanne Brennan

Guests: Supt. Debbie Low, Chief John Roche, Capt. Cliff Scharf, Det. Mark Giglio and SRO Fernando Luis

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

Petra Wynkoop moved and AnneMarie Surfaro-Boehme seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held May 19, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

AnneMarie Surfaro-Boehme reported the Ridgefield Now We're Talking program with Richard Blumenthal is airing on channel 26.

Petra Wynkoop gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$8,000 in the RPC account.

Rudy Marconi reported on the Coalition. Leslie Brown and Lisa Perry, Teen Talk Counselors from RHS and ERMS were invited to the recent meeting to discuss how Ridgefield compares to other Fairfield County communities. The report was favorable.

Terry Budlong addressed some issues that she gathered from TIPP which supports what the RPC stands for and is doing.

New Business – Question and answer period with the guests and RPC members. Suzanne Brennan asked Fernando Luis about students coming to school under the influence. Fernando explained that the students are not tested for alcohol with Breathalyzers. The school nurse does not have a Breathalyzer in her office. Dr. Leib added that the Nurse's Office operates under confidentially laws concerning alcohol and drugs.

SRO Luis further explained his role at RHS.

Debbie Low shared her list of substance abuse prevention strategies.

A motion was made to write a letter to the Ridgefield Board of Education requesting security cameras be installed at RHS, ERMS and SRMS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

**The next RPC meeting will be held on July 21st at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Annex.**

Respectfully submitted by Dylan Manderlink