

## RIDGEFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL

Meeting held October 20, 2009

In attendance: Petra Wynkoop, Sue Leib, Katherine Grissom, Suzanne Brennan, Karen Facini and Colleen Keating

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

There was not a quorum and therefore September minutes were not voted on.

### Treasury Report

Petra Wynkoop reported there is \$8,228.61 in the RPC account. Suzanne Brennan will be the RPC Treasurer going forward. Susanne and Petra will meet next week to go over procedures. Petra will write up detailed instructions and procedures for the Treasurer position and suggested that job descriptions be written for the other RPC positions so people know what is required of the job.

### Coalition Report

Sue Leib said the last two Coalition meetings were cancelled so there is nothing to report. The Coalition is waiting to see if it was awarded the Drug Free Community Grant.

Colleen Keating, who will replace Dylan Manderlink after she graduates, attended the meeting. Colleen reported they are hoping to have an article in the Ridgefield Press for Y2Y International to raise funds. RHS also participated in a Red Ribbon Week by having a Red Ribbon Day.

Mr. Jaslow approved funds to have speakers come to the school - 2 for freshmen and 2 for juniors and seniors.

Petra Wynkoop expressed Terry's appreciation for making Family University so successful. Various elements to consider for next year to are:

1. Doing a slogan contest that will always be a part of Family University.
2. Holding Family University on a Friday before a long weekend so there would be no homework to contend with. Sue Leib will get a schedule for next year, if available.

Suzanne Brennan will contact the Ridgefield Press to see if we can get some free publicity if we write the articles. Suzanne said there currently are no openings in the menu ad space. She will contact them again in January. Suzanne has written an article in ROAR.

Other discussion focused on the lack of an authority or police presence at RHS football games or events in general.

The meeting that took place with Rudy Marconi, Police and Deborah Low, Superintendent was discussed. Even though we all agreed to be on the same page, it is evident we are not. There are rules and regulations in the RHS Student Handbook but there is difficulty putting them in effect. Even the little things we all agreed on are not being enforced. The RPC needs to strategize on how to change this.

There was discussion about the letter the principal of Westport's Staples High School sends to parents.

Sue Leib suggested a book for the next Book Club called How to Raise a Drug Free Kid.

The Ridgefield Boys and Girls Club will have their email blasts include a link to the RPC website. The question was raised if the RPC can get a direct link on ours to theirs?

There is a need for a Substance Abuse Counselor at RHS. What can the RPC do to help?

The next RPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.