



Ridgefield Prevention Council
March 9, 2016
Minutes

Mission: The Ridgefield Prevention Council supports a safe and healthy environment for all of Ridgefield's families through awareness, education and positive alternatives to alcohol and other substance use and to reduce high-risk youth behaviors.

Attendees: Karen Facini, Kirsten Salley, Tim Hastings, Paul Lukaszewski, Alan Eskenazi, Tracey O'Connor, Laura Cleary, Kathy Halsey

Guests: Helaine and Harold Fischer

- **Welcome and Call to Order**
 - Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2016 approved
 - Treasurer's Update – Karen Facini
- **Guest Presentation -**
 - Helaine and Harold Fischer – “Out of the Crate” workshops
 - Not for profit, local wellness company
 - “Exchange” workshop models that can be scaled for size, groups, ages
 - Niche to use animals (ROAR) as part of workshops
 - Consider partnership and mutual support
- **Project Initiatives**
 - Lilo Brancato – March 23, 2016 at Playhouse
 - RPC members at Playhouse around 6:30 to set up and man brochure table, questions, donations...
 - Kirsten to design 1 page flyer with information about RPC initiatives
 - Carolyn to bring collateral and premiums
 - Drug Take Back Day – April 30th
 - RVNA – April 9
 - Laura Cleary helping to organize
- **Other Initiatives**
 - Website
 - Donation mechanism will be through ‘ClickandPledge’ in line with other town groups under the “Friends of Ridgefield” not for profit status
 - Website is good to go live (add donation mechanism as soon as it is done)
 - Laura has volunteered to help keep coordinated “library” of collateral materials (so that she can disseminate it to other groups as well)

- Grant Committee (Paul, Karen, Kirsten, Margaret) to meet
 - Narcan training for professionals
 - Laura organizing with Silver Hill Hospital
 - Laura to look into possibility of having a session in Ridgefield hosted by police similar to Newtown panel that will be on 3/23
 - Mock Car Crash
 - Look into options and feasibility of bringing it to RHS in fall 2016 – Karen to contact Captain Kreitz, Laura to reach out to MADD, Margaret to talk to other groups, all members can research options for planning and execution
 - “The Cares Group” (Donna DeLuca) is coming to Ridgefield (will use facilities at Insight Counseling)
 - May have her as guest presenter at our April 13 Meeting
 - Invite First Selectman and Superintendent
 - HVCASA to provide lawn signs for Drug Take Back Day
 - Post Grad Party donation
 - RHS scholarship – Margaret coordinating with RHS
- **Old/New Business**
 - Meeting time moving to 6:30 PM starting with April meeting
 - HVCASA self assessment – all members to fill out form sent by Karen Facini



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