



Ridgefield Prevention Council

MINUTES

June 8, 2016

2nd Wednesday of each month

Town Hall Annex 6:30 PM

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: Tizzie Mantione, Karen Facini, Tim Hastings, Margaret Stamatis, Carolyn Knupp, Alan Eskenazi, Laura Cleary

- **Welcome and Call to Order at 6:31 PM**
- **Guest: Carol Mahlstadt, Project Resilience – proposed speaker series at Library**
 - Resilience goals - programming about skill building and building skills early
 - Oct 18 – How to Raise an Adult (Resilience) – proposed – Julie Lythcott-Haims – 25 skills for kids to succeed (alternate date is Feb 18)
 - Sept 26 – Jeffrey Salingow – College Bound and Made for Success – how to prepare your child for the real world
 - How to prepare yourself for the sexual revolution – “Talk to me First”
 - Discussion about synergy with “Great Conversations” at Playhouse – could become ongoing initiative
 - Panel? – can we collaborate on putting together a panel
 - Project Resilience has facebook page – put link on our website
- **Liz Jorgenson – Insight Counseling**
 - Brain based curriculum – “Your brain on weed”
 - “Delay your gray”
 - Likes to work with 8th grade – in small groups – and then parent evening – look to integrate with MS (Tizzie, Laura, Tracey, Alan)
- **Approval of May 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
- **Treasurer’s Update**
 - Revenue streams
 - Will get \$1500 from town – in approved Town Budget
 - We get \$4000 from HVCASA
 - Main account \$9700 after Chamber and Grad Party + \$1500 = \$11,200

- Donation account \$4472
 - Carnival is our major fundraiser
 - Miscellaneous grants
- Financial Support
 - Post Grad Party
 - Last B&GC was April 26
- **Project Initiatives**
 - Upcoming:
 - Fall Carnival - Sept 23 – 25 – we received around \$8k net last year
 - Revenue
 - RPC sells tickets at event – we get 20% of proceeds for all rides
 - RPC / B&GC sell concession - we purchase and sell and keep revenue
 - Karen to ask for food donation
 - We purchase water and baked goods
 - Donation jar
 - 50/50 raffle
 - Expense: Our responsibilities
 - Police: we have to contact police and pay for them
 - Firepolice may be cheaper (Tizzie to investigate)
 - Town requires it
 - Port o potties – Pembroke Pumping Services (Tizzie)
 - Trash collection - Winter Brothers donated last year (Tizzie)
 - Taylor rental – grill rental (non profit discount) and delivered and picked up - \$300 grill (Tizzie)
 - F&B: \$200 BJs (water condiments), Stop & Shop donation + \$30, Stop & Shop donated all the grilling food
 - Misc: Party Depot (tickets – but we have extras)
 - Total \$575 extra expenses
 - RPC t-shirts (Carolyn)
 - On site responsibilities
 - Tim – B&GC and cooking thing
 - Onsite need bodies for ticket booth (LuAnn)
 - Music – Anthony Cacchiola, Mantione “Dischord” , RMAC - need electricity (Tizzie)
 - Marketing
 - Banner – can we hang at Pamby’s (Tizzie)
 - Radio stations (Paul)
 - PR (Paul)
 - Social Media – Ridgefield FB page, B&GC
 - Late fall event – some possibilities – target November 10

- John Morello <http://youtu.be/32-AI7AigsA>
 - RHS Brings him in spring – we could do an evening program – would it draw?
 - Ray Lucas – former football player – potential speaker (opiod/medication addiction)?
 - What will be a draw for an evening program? – big name as draw
 - Personal story of addiction and recovery
 - Or Positive messaging – without addiction past (ie Miss Connecticut)
 - Talk to Playhouse re: potential relationships
- **Other Initiatives/ Committee Reports**
 - RCCASA (Laura)
 - SAMSA \$500 grants for town hall meetings on underage drinking in 2016 – will do
 - Boys & Girls Club (Tim)
 - Teen Nights –financial support planning for fall
 - Social Media campaign -
 - Outreach/Marketing/Collateral
 - See above
 - Grant committee (Paul, Karen and Margaret)
 - Rotary Club Grant submitted
 - Post –Grad Gift
 - \$250 cash plus \$250 in kind (Bluetooth speaker)
- **Old/New Business**
 - Dates to be aware of next fall
 - Sept/Oct – Search Institute survey (RPS lead) at MS and HS
 - Sept 23 – 25 – Carnival (RPC and B&GC)
 - Oct 18 – How to Raise an Adult (Resilience) - proposed
 - Nov 18 – Harlem Wizards (REF)
 - RPC Supporting:
 - Ridgefield Police Department Safety Day – Sept 18, 2016 - 10 am ERMS (helicopter, fire safety, car seat install) – target is young families. Premium and marketing materials on a table (no rain date)
 - Ridgefield Playhouse proposed sex education/good choices program “Great Conversations”– should we support (initial request \$4500 – all agree price is too high for us) – table decision until link resent
 - “A Girl Like You” bullying movie – is this something we could bring? Possible tie with Prospector
- **Other**
 - Next Meeting – June 22 special meeting (maybe), and July 13, 2016



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