



Ridgefield Prevention Council

MINUTES

May 17, 2017

3rd Wednesday of each month

Town Hall Annex 7:00 – 8:30 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: Laura Cleary, Ellen Brezovsky, Karen Facini, LouAnn Duprato, Alan Eskenazi, Tizzie Mantione, Margaret Stamatis

- **Approved April 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes**
- **Treasurer's report:**
 - No update –no updated financials this month
- **Old/New Business**
 - Strategic Plan 2017
 - Tabled to June meeting – 1 hour
 - Roles /Responsibilities needed to fill - Volunteer Coordinator rep
 - June 14 NCL meeting at ERMS – response to “13 Reasons Why” – Alan E may serve on panel? NCL would like RPC involvement
 - Possible intern
 - 2 interns for First Selectman that we can use for projects – we'll ask them to write 2 news columns for us
 - Youth commission liaison? Altarra Scherr
 - Recent programs - recap
 - Generation Found
 - Haze movie – reschedule – low response rate. Why? No awareness, need RHS buy in
 - Will RHS show it? Could it be mandatory for Seniors ?
 - Laura to get the 2 Town Hall interns to watch and then talk to HS about showing
 - Upcoming Events
 - Summer movies sponsorship again – Trolls and Sing
 - Narcan Training June 15 – Silver Hill and Library
- **Other Initiatives/ Committee Reports**
 - Grant Committee
 - Lewis Fund grant approved - \$500
 - Social Media Committee
 - Budget, social media posting calendar – budget \$100/month
 - Tanya H. has given us permission to post on Hello Ridgefield facebook page
 - RCCASA / Coalition Coordinator updates
 - 2 Narcan Trainings

- Matt Bellace – The Natural High – 8th grade program next year? Laura provided details on document on drive
 - Mental Health Talk – RCCASA, Resilience – Wednesday May 25
 - Benzodiazapene (valium, zanax... - used to treat anxiety) panel from HVCASA – often mixed with alcohol and opiodes. Life threatening withdrawal – must be a planned and supervised withdrawal
 - Subcommittee targetting young adults
 - NCC has program for this age group 18-25 year olds (Ellen)
- Marketing and Outreach
 - Mailchimp account
 - Prevention Plus Press Article – Tizzie will continue to coordinate submittals
- School Outreach
 - SRMS 8th grade program – April 24
 - For next year – consider Matt Bellace as speaker followed by HS panel
 - Try to get in person meeting for recap and to schedule for next year
 - Search Institute survey still on table with RHS but not definite
 - RPC Scholarship
 - May 25 – Senior Awards night – Karen F to present scholarship
 - Wooster School
 - Could partner with Danbury – Terri Budlong
 - Judy Silver leaving SLO – new contact is Daniela Silvestri
 - Invite her to serve on RPC
- Carnival – preliminary planning – continue planning in June
 - Dates
 - Sept 22 Friday 6:00-10:00 pm
 - Sept 23 Saturday 4:00- 10:00 pm
 - Sept 24 Sunday 1:00 - 5:00
 - Responsibilities
 - Karen spoke to Stop & Shop already – need to provide them letter with food donation request (Karen)
 - Promotion: social media, Prevention Plus Press article (mid Sept), website, posters (50 to us from Carnival person)(LouAnn to do)
 - Vendors?
- Tizzie Mantione resigning from Council. She will continue to coordinate the Prevention Plus article in the Press
- **Other**
 - **Next Meeting – June 21 at 7:00**



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