

Ridgefield Prevention Council Meeting
October 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

Members present: Bhargavi Ramamurthy, Carol Ann Sganga, Kim Carone, Hayden Kakos

Meeting called to order: 7:05

Approval of Minutes: September to be done in November along with June & August

Treasurer Report: NA

Reports/Discussion:

- HS Positive Alternatives- Monthly Pizza Update- Planet Pizza had about 15-20 students on the 1st Friday of the month. We received approval from RPS to have the posters placed in the high school. Kim will pay Planet Pizza and pick up the names of the students who attend.
 - Next idea/opportunity: Will use our HS Instagram as our next opportunity
- Safety Day Recap- Went well (had to go back to the closet for more giveaways). The crowd was mostly families with little kids. Have products geared towards them. Not the right format for the cup covers. Maybe consider an engagement opportunity (see holiday stroll discussion below).
- Narcan Training- Recap will have to happen in November.
 - RPS Aaron Crook contacted RPS to have Narcan training done in the schools for teachers and administration. Sarah is working with them.
- RHS Football Giveaway: Homecoming isn't going to happen. Would like to look into the foam paws or growl towels and we can hand them out at the 1st basketball game. Karen can you please price out those 2 items, find out how long production will take so we can all vote before our next meeting.
- Drug Take Back- I have 10 signs that need to be posted. Bhargavi and Kim will post one in their neighborhood. Kim will reach out to Sean to see where else they can be placed. If everyone could pick up a sign that would be great. They need to be placed on Sunday 10/22 and picked up after Drug Take Back on 10/29 after 2pm.
 - We also need volunteers to help @ the police station. Shifts will be 10-12 & 12-2. We need 2 board members to be there for each time slot.
- Trunk or Treat- Bhargavi & Sarah have a plan. We discussed keeping decorating costs to under \$100 for the event. Per Capt. Raines, candy has been donated and we will not need to provide it.
 - Help: Kim will reach out to NCL to see if we can get 2 mom/daughter teams to help decorate (5-6pm), and 2 mother/daughter teams to help give out candy 6-7, 7-8, 8-9(might be a challenge being it's Halloween but worth asking for volunteers).
- Vaping
 - Banner @ Town Hall- Louann can you please arrange for the banner from last year to be hung outside town hall again.
 - Poster Contest MS- We received RPS approval to display the posters in both middle schools. Kim showed everyone the posters.
 - HS Grade Contest- We've updated some of the rules. The contest for the high school will begin 11/15 and end 11/30. If we don't receive a good turn out, we can always extend. Please see Instagram flier for all the updated details.
 - Postcard- we will be holding off on a vaping postcard due to the demographic of our mailing list. Will revisit a postcard in January for another topic.
- Holiday Stroll Update- Pending Siera to let us know if the Breathalyzers have been ordered yet & how many. What other items to have on the table (maybe our RPS flier). Spoke about the engagement idea and thought maybe we could do something at next year's safety day (maybe drunk goggles and tricycles/walk the line).
- Bylaws
 - Pg2- "**Number and Qualifications**": We would like a qualification to be on the RPC board to be "Must be a Ridgefield Resident". Also, we would like more than 9 members, maybe up to 21? We would also like our qualifications to include the following: Each adult board member must

attend/organize/assist with 4 events/functions. Each student board member must attend 2 events/functions.

- Pg2 "**Board Elections**": We think it should be stated that elections will happen in June to begin their term in August.
- Pg2 "**Term of Board**": Since we are interested in growing our organization, we would like the term limit to be 20 consecutive years.
- Pg3 "**Minutes**": Since we don't use hardcopies, we would like this to say minutes/agendas to be saved on the RPC Google Share drive. Also, the chair will create the agenda and the rest of the board can add additional items before the meeting.
- Pg3/4 "**Board Member Attendance**": This says 3 consecutive absences, their role on the board should be reevaluated. Does that sound ok to everyone? Do we want to change that to 3 or 4 absences over a fiscal year (we hold 11 meetings)?
- Pg9 "**Preparation of Annual Financial Statements**" & "**Reports**": Since all our financials are held at the town level, we don't feel these apply to us as is. Maybe we can say "to be handled by the town"?
- Student Representatives
 - Role: to be part of our board. To help spread the mission of RPC
 - Expectations: to come to meetings when available. To attend/help with 2 events during the fiscal year.
 - Rewards: Community Service Hours (many).
- Liquor Stickers- We have more to bring back to the liquor stores. Please pick them up from Kim ASAP.

New Business:

- Still looking for PTA program to suggest (re: drinking and driving)
- Planet Pizza Box Stickers: We did stickers in April to promote how much is enough. Maybe we can do another sticker for December or January with a different topic. Any ideas?
- Car Magnets: Bhargavi would like us to look into car magnets or stickers for new drivers or for "safety" drivers. If we could price them out to see the cost, we can determine if it's something we should try and use.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Carone