

Ridgefield Prevention Council

August 23, 2023 7:00pm, Town Hall Annex

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

"Ridgefield Prevention Council meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility."

Attendance: Kim Carone, Siera Fregosi, Brian Nash, Tina Malhotra, Sarah Lorinzini, LouAnn Daprato, Debra Hopke

Call to Order: 7:04

Approval of Minutes: June LouAnn 1st motion to approve, Brian 2nd, all in favor, Approved,

Treasurer report: Karen Facini- we have \$19,894 to date

Reports/Discussion:

- Opioid Fund Meeting Details-
 - Will be submitting a request to Prevention Corp for part time assistance.
 - Postcard to be sent out from RPC, with emergency alert, regarding opioid info & mental health. Will need to work on this with EMA & Rudy
 - Rudy said EMA will blast out our survey next time.
 - Put in funding requests for ways to utilize the opioid funds coming to the town. Will need to write formal requests to Rudy with plan & goals.
- Playhouse Event- Bullying
 - Will not be supporting the new movie as it doesn't line with our mission
- Survey
 - Kim sent out the PDF to all. Anything specific you think we should focus on?
- WCTC 2022-23 Report
 - Budgeting- Requesting everyone to create budgets for all events so we know what spend looks like
- SOR Grant
 - Update- Doctor Letters- Sent, only received 1 response
 - Update- Lockbox Letters- Sent, received no responses for need
 - Update- Live Louder, Change the Script, & You Think You Know Cards Around town- Sarah has ordered them and we will be putting them around town once they come in
 - Update- Movie (date, speakers, promotion, etc)- 11/6 @ Playhouse. Will be watching Generation Found. Will need speakers, Sarah will ask Greg Williams to speak. Will also see if we can find other professionals to speak.
 - Update- Community Building Event- Decided a morning coffee with bagels would work better. Will be held 10/19 @ Queen Been in the

basement. Emails to go out to businesses and everyone is to follow up with the companies they entered on the report.

- Update- Narcan Training @ RHS- Athletics- Brian to follow up, pending boosters. Sarah will be hosting a training at the library next month.
- RPC Elections
 - Co-chairs- Debra Hopke- 1st nomination, LouAnn, 2nd, Tina,- All Approved.
 - Secretary- LouAnn will take over this role.
- August
 - Update- Gizmo Read Along- Will reschedule for Mental Health Awareness Month in May
 - Update- Tiger Hollow Banner for RPC- Still pending Tiger Hallow. Brian to follow up.
- September
 - Recovery Vigil- Brian has speakers & providers coming. NCL set to provide baked goods and to assist with lights during the event. Will still need to pick up coffee and set up step and repeat. Brian would like to have lawn signs created for the event. PTA's have already begun eblasting the information. Will see if he can get a banner from Staples.
 - Community Building- Local Businesses (see queen bee event above)
 - Community Building- HS Students @ Deborah Ann's- the 1st night starts on 9/1. Please hang posters around town.
- October
 - Family University- Happening with Liz on 10/11.
 - Trunk or Treat- Happening on Halloween again. Bhargavi is signed up this year (let Kim know if you need NCL help again this year).
 - Safety Day- RPD will need to assist us with drunk goggles.

New Business: