



## Ridgefield Prevention Council

### MINUTES

**October 12, 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.*

Attendance: Karen Facini, Margaret Stamatis, Carolyn Knupp, Paul Lukaszewski, Tizzie Mantione, Tim Hastings, Laura Cleary, Kathy Halsey

- **Karen Facini called meeting to order**
- **Approval of September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
- **Guests:** Rotary Club presented check for the Rotary Club grant awarded to RPC
- **Treasurer's report:**
  - Carnival receipts in – split 50/50 with B&GC
    - Expenses kept in line with 2015/16 but gross revenue down
  - Received Rotary Club grant check
- **Old/New Business**
  - Identification of RPC roles and assignment of responsibilities – further roles to be identified – working list is:
    - Co-Chair – Karen, Carolyn
    - Treasurer – Karen
    - Secretary – Margaret
    - Grant committee – Paul
    - Programs/speakers – Tizzie
    - Social Media – Paul, Alan
    - Marketing/Outreach – TBD
    - Website - Margaret
    - “Friends of RPC” volunteers – TBD
    - B&GC liaison – Tim
    - RCCASA liaison – Laura?
    - Liaison to other groups/leaders – Laura
    - HVCASA – Kathy, Karen
    - School (RHS) liaison – Margaret
    - Onboarding liaison - Tizzie
  - 2 open positions on Council
    - Target someone with marketing expertise/passion
    - Need youth – do they need to approved by BOS?
- **Current initiatives**

- Carnival review
  - Lessons Learned and looking ahead to 2017
    - Split net proceeds with B&GC
    - Define roles & responsibilities
    - Increase marketing efforts
    - Carolyn to provide more detailed recap
- Strategic Planning
  - Tizzie shared annual plan – basis of RPC discussion at HVCASA strategic planning session on 10/13 (Paul L attending)
  - Consider a visioning retreat (3-4 hour commitment) – interest from RPC members but need critical mass to commit
- Late fall/winter event – speaker update
  - Generation Found – Greg Williams film (Playhouse)
    - Karen to get more detail from Playhouse
  - Motion to financially support Alan Schwarz “ADHD Nation” on November 9
    - Tizzie Mantione made motion to support event with \$500. Tim Hastings seconded. Discussion regarding appropriate amount of support. 5 in favor. 1 opposed. Motion passes.
    - Opportunity to set up a table
- SAMSA \$500 grant must be used for underage drinking prevention event
  - Laura to follow up to see if it is okay to identify event before end of year but not hold event until early 2017
  - Potential panel of youth in recovery – at B&GC, at RHS
- Opiate forum
  - RPC interested in hosting. Laura to bring to RCCASA to gauge interest
  - Discussion re: event needs to be focused and moderated. Types of positions that should be on panel: police, first selectman, doctor, someone in recovery, CARES group
  - Importance of positioning RPC as a resource
- Community/School Outreach
  - RHS AD/ ERMS Principal
    - Tizzie has meeting set up with RHS AD; and also ERMS Principal
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade program
    - Tizzie and Margaret spoke to ERMS guidance. ERMS to reach out to SRMS for partnership
  - RHS PTSA collaboration
    - Parent panel targeted for spring
- Other:
  - Social media strategy and opportunity
    - Social Media committee to look into options for social media plan, upkeep, building followers...
    - Have quote from company that did our website.
- **Other Initiatives/ Committee Reports**
  - Interesting information/videos
    - “Concert for Addiction” on CPTV – music portion of rally footage – 10/22 and 10/23
    - Macklemore and President Obama on MTV
- **Other**
  - Next Meeting – November 9, 2016 (“ADHD Nation” presentation)

- RCCASA meeting on November 15 at RHS – 1:00-2:30 – all welcome



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