

# Ridgefield Prevention Council Meeting

**October 18, 2023**

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."

**Members present:** Kim Carone, Sarah Lorenzini, Carol Ann Sganga, Bhargavi Ramamurthy

1. **Meeting called to order:** 7:16 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from September will have to be approved at the next meeting
3. **Treasurer Report:** N/A
4. **Reports/Discussion:**
  - a. **SOR Grant:**
    - Update
      - Bissell said yes to handing out Deterra bags. We've ordered stickers to go on the bags. Sarah will request 50 from WCTC. We'll see how the program goes before we order more.
      - There are 3 Vape Shops nearby. Sarah will see if we can get 10 lock bags per shop to see if they will have them available for customers with young kids. Could possibly put the RPC logo on the bags.
  - Recap
    - Deborah Ann's Ice Cream Event October had about 46 students attend.
      - Need to figure out the best method to text the students about our upcoming events.
        - Kim to speak with Gillian to see if we can utilize the town text system.
        - Possible company Slick Text- costly per month. Maybe this can be paid for with the opioid grant funds.
    - Parent University
      - The event went well. There were about 50 people in attendance. Parents really enjoyed the information that was presented. A survey will be going out to those who attended along with the powerpoint presentations we received. Would like to hold this event in the spring with information based on the survey results. Will consider wraps/sandwiches for the spring event.
  - October
    - Drug Take back day 10/28

- Bhargavi will be there for the 10-12 shift, Kim to be there for the 12-2 shift. If anyone is available please come by, we can always use your help. Event will be at Bissell Pharmacy.
  - Trunk or Treat 10/31
    - Kim to email Siera to see if she's still available for the event.
  - Community Coffee 10/19
    - We decided that we wouldn't cancel the event, although we didn't receive any confirmations for the businesses we contacted. We will bring WCTC Recovery Friendly Workplace material, as well as, RPC Generation found info/RPC brochures. If anyone shows up we can run a tab with Queen Bee.
  - Change the Script Cards
    - Will get them together from the closet and will start handing more out in November.
- November
  - Generation Found
    - The event is still happening 11/6. The link with the Playhouse is not working. Kim will send a message to Robin to have it fixed.
    - We need to start promoting the event on social media. PTAs are already blasting the flier for us. We will email the flier to the Parent University Participants, as well as, the email list we have for people who have attended previous events. Need to find a way to email the info to the students who have signed up during the Deborah Ann's event.
      - Can we utilize the town text message to get the message out? Kim will ask Gillian when they speak.
      - Can we get the message to high school sports teams? Kim to email the athletic department to see if they can help.
  - Anti-Vape Poster Contest
    - We decided that this year we will be holding a competition for MS and HS students. There will be 1 grand prize winner at the MS level and 1 at the HS level. There will be 1 runner up at EACH school. And there will possibly be Prevention Council honorable mention winners. We will also offer ice cream cones for anyone who participates this year. Cost will be \$300 grand prize, \$200 runner up, RPC discretion as we see the posters come in.
    - The rules will stay the same except for the addition of HS.
- December
  - Post Card
    - The post cards with the Town Alerts department should be moved to January once the holidays are over. Take time to think about what we want to say in the new year.
  - Holiday Stroll
    - We should hand out the breathalyzers again this year. Will need to know if we have to order more and who will hand them out at the table.
  - Liquor Stickers

- In December we should start to give out to liquor stores in town.

**New Business:**

Change of November Meeting Date to 11/16 due to Project Resilience event happening. Kim will email the town and see if we can get the room.

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Carone