**Litchfield Prevention Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**Town Hall Annex, Bantam**

**11/8/16**

**Present:** Kelly Garden, Jill Johnson, Meredith Shafer, Carol Gillett-Lamond, Jen Abbott-Tillou

**Also present:** n/a

**Excused:** Bob Berson, Mikki Pettinicchi

**Absent**: Jackie Tiul

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Garden called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Appointment of Alternates:** In B. Berson's absence, J. Abbott moved to appoint C. Gillett-Lamond a voting member. J. Johnson seconded. All ayes.

**Approval of Minutes:** **M. Shafer moved and C. Gillett-Lamond seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the 10/11/16 meeting with no changes necessary. All present voted Aye.**

**Treasurer Report:** J. Johnson reported that our balance remains at $10,356.73

**School Liaison Report:**

Ben Storrs was not able to attend tonight but did email his update to K. Garden. Project Purple Club volunteered at October's Fall Festival at LIS; the night was a success. Group is set to begin making ribbons for PP launch. Additionally, they are in the process of planning more involvement with other groups.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON UPDATE:

Constable Greg Kenney did not attend the meeting.

**Correspondence:**

 -The First Selectman's office sent written notice of Nicholas Fitzgerald's resignation from LPC.

 -HVCASA sent an invite for Annual Holiday Open House 12/8 12-4.

 -Abby Peklow of EdAdvance contacted K. Garden regarding a grant application they are working on for

 a 5 year program called Drug Free Schools. More info to follow in 2017.

 -Lindsay Baker from PTO contacted K.Garden regarding a documentary called "Screenagers". LPC expressed interest in co-sponsoring a viewing. (see screenagersmovie.com)

 -HVCASA has Coalition Meetings set for 2/13 and 4/24 2017 at the Litchfield Community Center; they also have one set for 11/14 and A. Fulton will share the Cyber Safety flyer and invite attendees to this workshop.

**Old Business:**

 -Grant Update: Grant must be submitted by year's end; Need to have ideas on where to spend funds; avoid one and done presentations; ideas include $1500 toward the Drug and Alcohol Survey, purchase a prevention or healthy choices curriculum, sponsor a series of field trips or after school activities, a PP related after school activity, Mindfulness or Yoga classes.

 -Greenwoods: K. Garden attended a meeting with them and S. Kubisek and L. Heuschkel on Monday to set plans for Cyber Safety presentation. S. Kubisek suggested LPC post a couple members at the LHS door to direct people to the Library. J. Johnson and C. Gillett-Lamond will get there early.

 -Presentation Ideas: C. Gillett-Lamond shared on the HVCASA workshop she attended. Teen Challenge was mentioned. Recovering addicts come to school, free of charge. Faith-based program, may not be suitable for schools. M. Shafer asked members to read about Rosalind Wiseman as a potential speaker; she will send links introducing members to her work with students, parents and community members. C. Gillett-Lamond will report on Marc Mero next meeting.

 -Project Purple: Will need to do Press Releases next month; Will need someone to volunteer for this.

 -Parents Needs Assessment: Survey was sent out last month via Survey Monkey.

 -Family Fun Night: Tabled

**New Business:**

 - Citgo Update: K.Garden reported a communication from Resident State Trooper Jim Holm regarding the smoke shop. Paraphernalia seen in the store in a side room. K. Garden contacted Lew Salerno, a Dealer Business Consultant who oversees this store. He will schedule a meeting with owner to discuss the issues and to reiterate that is unacceptable.

 -2017 Meeting dates: Discussed continuing the practice of meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Motion by M. Shafer and seconded by J. Abbott to accept the following dates for Regular Meetings:

 1/10/17, 2/14/17, 3/14/17, 4/4/17, 5/9/17, 6/13/17, 7/11/17, 8/8/17, 9/12/17, 10/10/17, 11/14/17, 12/12/17. Motion carried, all ayes, except C. Gillett-Lamond who excused herself prior to the vote. K.Garden will submit dates to L. Bauer to reserve the meeting space.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

**Adjournment:**

M. Shafer moved and J. Abbott seconded to close the meeting at 8:00pm. All ayes.

Transcribed by K. Garden, Chairman

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K. Garden, Chair

 Next meeting will be December 13, 2016