

Litchfield Prevention Council
Meeting Minutes
St. Anthony's, Litchfield
Feb 13, 2018 7:00 PM
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Call to Order: K. Garden called the meeting to order at 7:01

Present: B. Berson, K. Garden, J. Tiul, J. Johnson, J. Makuc arrived at 7:20.

Also present: B. Storrs

Excused: M. Pettinicchi, J. Abbott-Tillou, C. Gillett

Absent:

Appointment of Alternates: J. Makuc was appointed as a Regular member when she arrived.

Public Comment: none

School Liaison Report: B. Storrs reported on the coat drive- over 50 coats collected; Project Purple week- basketball games, free throw contests, athletes still wearing purple t-shirts, purple dress-up contest, scavenger hunt for cut-outs of Mr. Storrs that was very popular; students going to Center School to participate in a Reading program; students looking to design a mentorship program with LMS students; Teacher Appreciation Week- purple post-its for kids to write something nice about teachers.

Law Enforcement Report: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from Jan 9, 2018 were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve with no changes, seconded by J. Johnson. All ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: \$8413.40

Correspondence: K.Garden reported on a phone call from David Sarletto of Ocean State Job Lots. They would like to present LPC with \$500 at their ribbon cutting ceremony in early March. Tentative date is March 10 at 10 am. A member will be needed to attend, K. Garden will be away.

Old Business:

Greenwoods Counseling- Next workshop scheduled for tonight. J. Makuc reported that no one showed so she and Joel left after 20 minutes. Discussion as to why. Alert Solutions went out but maybe not with enough frequency? Last one was 2/5? The next presentation is scheduled for Mar 13. We will try to change our meeting and be in full attendance at the workshop. The May 15 workshop will be cancelled and Screenagers will be its replacement, date TBD.

Family Game Night- J. Tiul reported that next event is Mar 23. Pizza and beverages will be served and all LCC games available for use.

*****MOTION by B.Berson and seconded by Jaime, to appropriate up to \$400 for Family Game Night expenses. All ayes, motion passes.*****

Susan B Anthony- B. Berson mentioned Walk A Mile event 5/20/18. J. Abbott-Tillou has reached out to Julie Haggard and Ben Storrs to recruit student participation. WZBG should be contacted for public service announcements.

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction- K. Garden has not penned a solicitation letter yet. J. Tiul offered to help with letter and reaching out to PTO. K.Garden reported that the kick-off had to be postponed due to snow. New date set for 3/7. K. Garden also reported that LEF would like to help but does not fund continued education. Michele Saunders offered to work with Julie Haggard on grant application.

Street Drugs Presentation- K. Garden asked Resident Trooper Holm to set this up and offer us some dates.

Project Purple- Discussed need to tie ribbons better, longer wire for next year. Also need to start distributing purple items in town before Christmas or just after New Years at latest; ran into conflict again with weather and midterms. West St. didn't get decorated this year.

Screenagers- will happen in May, date TBD. Next LHS Climate Committee meeting is 3/6, date should be set then. Two showings planned, one for students during the school day and one that evening for the community at large.

Website- K.Garden met with Mr. Sherman from LHS. He has a student to re-vamp our current website. Suggests we maintain it after that. LPC needs a member to take over website maintenance, fees and email. Need a volunteer by Mar meeting to determine if we move forward with project.

New Business:

Post Prom/Graduation - B. Berson led a discussion. LPC tried last year and again this year to no avail. Litchfield used to host amazing Post Prom events. Need 100% buy in from school leadership and faculty/advisors. Also parents and then students. Discussed starting with Sophomore class now. J. Tiul will reach out to class advisors. If interested, parents will be recruited. Host a meeting, refreshments, involve Student Council.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

website

Adjournment:

B. Berson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35, J. Abbott-Tillou seconded. All Ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by K. Garden, Chairwoman

Kelly Garden, Chairwoman

Next meeting will be Mar 13, 2018