

Litchfield Prevention Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
St. Anthony's, Litchfield
Date: Dec 12, 2017 7:00 PM
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Call to Order: K. Garden called the meeting to order at 7:05

Present: B. Berson, K. Garden, M. Pettinicchi, Jaime Makuc, J. Abbott-Tillou

Also present: G. Kenney, B. Storrs

Excused: J. Johnson, C. Gillett-Lamond

Absent: J. Tiul

Appointment of Alternates: M. Pettinicchi and J. Makuc were appointed as regular members.

Public Comment: none

School Liaison Report: B. Storrs reported: dedicated crew this year, many good ideas, currently involved with Coats for CT. Project Purple: Jan 22-26; will have events at basketball games on 1/23 and 1/26, scavenger hunt, Purple Day contest, free throw shooting contest, T-shirts on players during warm ups, maybe purple post it notes. Will need up to \$500 to purchase 50 shirts and some car magnets or phone cases.

*** MOTION by B. Berson and seconded by J. Abbott-Tillou to allocate \$500 to the Project Purple club for purchase of Project Purple materials. All in favor, motion passes.***

Law Enforcement Report: Greg Kenney presented a report detailing DWI and Narcotics arrests data from 2016 and 2017. Of interest to Officer Kenney is that the data shows a trend toward higher Blood Alcohol levels in 2017, and more arrests occurring in early evening hours than late evening/midnight.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from Nov 14, 2017 were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve with no changes, seconded by M. Pettinicchi. All ayes, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: no report

Correspondence: B. Berson sent members an email regarding Chris Herren at Shepaug 1/16/18. K. Garden received a reply from LEF regarding our inquiry for funding for MBSR in the schools. They will discuss at their January meeting and have us fill out a grant proposal. J. Abbott-Tillou reported that Susan B. Anthony has outreach programs for schools; interested in LPS. She will draft an outline that we can present to administration.

Old Business: Greenwoods Counseling- B. Berson and K. Garden attended a joint meeting with Central Office on 12/8. Joel reported that no one showed up for the 11/28 presentation. Next one is scheduled for

1/23/18 at the LIS Library. J. Haggard reported on CREC training 12/1: excellent program, 11 attendees, bringing next steps to building administrators.

Family Game Night- J. Tiul; tabled

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction- Discussed phase 2 of MBSR in schools. Financial commitment needed now to start planning for the twenty weeks of training commencing in January 2018; reached out to LEF; will also ask for some school commitment and fundraise within the community.

MOTION by B. Berson and seconded by J. Abbott-Tillou to allocate up to \$4000 for the Implementation of Mindfulness Practices Into the School Day program. We will also solicit support from other entities in the community. All in favor, motion passes.

Street Drugs Presentation- K. Garden to contact Resident Trooper Jim Holm to set up an evening presentation.

Project Purple- discussed ribbon distribution for 2018. One or two members will accompany student group; all other members will distribute ribbons in target areas on their own time. Bring flyer with mission statements.

Post Prom- not moving forward; will try again next year.

New Business:

Discussion: What is the LPC, Mission Statement Review, By-Laws- tabled due to low attendance; handouts were distributed- tabled.

Screenagers- Documentary exploring the impact of screen time on kids; social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Available on DVD for \$650 licensing fee. LHS and Greenwoods interested in participating in May. Need to determine if both events can be done for the \$650 fee.

MOTION by M. Pettinicchi and seconded by B. Berson to allocate \$650 for the Screenagers licensing fee. All in favor, motion passes.

Hold Elections- Tabled

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

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Adjournment:

B. Berson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45, J. Abbott-Tillou seconded. All Ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by K. Garden, Chairwoman

Kelly Garden, Chairwoman

Next meeting will be Jan 9, 2018