

**Litchfield Prevention Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Town Hall Annex, Bantam**  
**Date February 14, 2017**

**Present:** Meredith Shafer, Jill Johnson, Bob Berson, Jackie Tiul, Kelly Garden, Carol Gillett-Lamond arrived by 7:15

**Also present:** Steven and Thomassina Sideris, Bob Kluge

**Excused:** Jen Abbott, Mikki Pettinicchi

**Absent:**

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

**Appointment of Alternates:** none needed/available

**School Liaison Report:** None

**Law Enforcement Liaison Report:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by M. Shafer and seconded by B. Berson to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** J. Johnson reported that our current balance is \$10,099.44

**Correspondence:**

- \* K. Garden reported an email correspondence from B. Berson, resigning his position as Secretary. Next meeting will hold nominations and election of new secretary.
- \* K. Garden reported email from Sherri Turner that Bob Kluge of the Litchfield-Morris Rotary Club would like LPC contact info.
- \* Bob Kluge presented comments about the opioid crisis. Chasing the Dragon- The Life of an Opioid Addict is a short film put out by the FBI. Would like to have it played in Litchfield, in March or April. Bob is working with LCC and would like LPC support.
- \* Greenwoods Anxiety/Depression workshop rescheduled from January 23 to March 20 at 6:30 in LHS Library.
- \* Sherri Turner communicated that SERAC will present survey results to CPP subcommittee at 6:30 on March 9. All LPC members are invited. She needs a head count. Dr. Pascento will present summary findings to full BOE on March 15.
- \* Thomassina Sideris presented, in person, information from Drugfreeworld.org including The Truth About Drugs Pamphlet.

**Old Business:**

- \* Project Purple Recap
  - West St. area looks great! We fell short getting to many businesses beyond the green. Will plan better next year.

- Good Project Purple presence at two basketball games. The purple hair paint was messy, won't use again. The socks did not get worn by players, except one. K. Garden has asked Ben Storrs to return them to us so we can get a refund or repurpose them.
- K. Garden sent a thank you note to the community and news outlets via The Community Page at the Rep-Am paper.

- \* Greenwood's Update

- B. Berson reported on a meeting Feb 7 which included a member of the Rotary Club. Discussion about what Greenwood's does, counseling in schools in the future, looking for a new Executive Director.

- \* Marc Mero

- C. Gillette-Lamond reported that he has available dates next Fall, except the week of Oct 23. We need to check with Administrators and choose a date if they are willing to move forward. K. Garden will reach out via email.

- \* Mindfulness Programming

- B. Berson reported plans to provide off-site classes free to staff/faculty this Spring. Goal is once a week for eight weeks. J. Haggard is contact person. She is polling teachers on their interests. Bring to students next year.

- \* Prom/Graduation Events

- J. Tiul reports a fundraiser on March 4 to raise money for Coach Busses to and from the prom. STPC will host pre-prom event at LCC. LPC to possibly sponsor after-prom event. Need 100% participation, mandatory attendance. Need administrative approval and support. Need to form a subcommittee of parents, STPC and LPC.

MOTION by B. Berson and seconded by J. Johnson to allocate up to \$5000 for a fully vested after-prom event in conjunction with LPS and STPC. All ayes. Motion passes.

- \* Fun Day Events

- J. Tiul spoke with Jen Murphy regarding LIS Fun Day, looking at end of March. J. Tiul also mentioned that the LEF is interested in collaborating with Project Purple Club students on certain events. She will pass this on to B. Storrs.

### **New Business:**

- \* Budget Request 2017

- K. Garden distributed a letter that was submitted to the First Selectman, requesting \$5000 for LPC in the 2017 Town Budget.

- \* School Climate Survey/Request for Funding

- K. Garden shared a request from Joel Behar at Greenwood's, asking if LPC could help fund the survey. Cost to administer is \$6000. LPS, Greenwood's and LPC contribution would put it at \$2000 each. Discussion: Columbia versus state (free). The Drug and Alcohol Survey more appropriate to our mission, weren't asked to contribute this year. Climate Survey must happen before Greenwood's can work with students. In future, LPC would prefer to help fund Drug and Alcohol Survey. HVCASA may have a grant to be used for survey.

MOTION by B. Berson and seconded by J. Johnson to allocate \$2000 to the School Climate Survey.  
All ayes, motion passes.

**Adjournment:** M. Shafer moved to adjourn the meeting and B. Berson seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Transcribed by K. Garden, Chairperson

  
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Kelly Garden, Chairwoman

Next meeting will be March 14, 2017 at the Town Hall Annex, Bantam.