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Litchfield Prevention Council

Regular Meeting

Town Hall Annex, Bantam

May 10, 2016 7:00 PM

Present: Elisa Bauer, Robert Berson, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Kelly Garden, Meredith Shafer, Kevin Tieman
Dana Moore, Marion Pettinicchi

Also present: Jennifer Abbott, Jackie Tiul, Jill Cody, Jill Johnson

Call to Order: K. Tieman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

Appointment of Alternates: None

Approval of Minutes: B. Berson moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2016, seconded by, D. Moore, all ayes except E. Bauer & M. Pettinicchi abstained, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Balance is \$ 5345.52

Old Business:

Election of Officers:

Nominations for officers were as follows:

M. Pettinicchi moved to nominate K. Garden as Chair, M. Shafer seconded. Vote: all ayes, motion passed. M. Shafer moved to close nomination, seconded E. Bauer. Vote: all ayes, motion passed.

K. Garden moved to nominate M. Shafer as Vice Chair, E. Bauer seconded. Vote: all ayes, motion passed. E. Bauer moved to close nomination, K. Garden seconded. Vote: all ayes, motion passed.

E. Bauer moved to nominate B. Berson for Secretary, K. Garden seconded. Vote: all ayes, motion passed. M. Shafer moved to close nomination, seconded E. Bauer. Vote: all ayes, motion passed.

B. Berson moved to nominate D. Moore, as Treasurer. K. Garden seconded. Vote: all ayes, motion passed. M. Shafer moved to close nomination, seconded E. Bauer. Vote: all ayes, motion passed.

Motion made by E. Bauer to appoint K. Garden Chair, M. Shafer Vice Chair, D. Moore Treasurer and B. Berson Secretary. Seconded by K. Tieman, Vote: all ayes, motion passed unanimously.

Tim Walsh Update: K. Garden met with L. McMullen, Superintendent about the possibility of hiring Tim Walsh as a prevention resource for our students. Discussion centered on location, time, and payment. L. McMullen was not in favor of off-prem evening meetings but was in agreement to meet Tim with the new incoming superintendent, Sherri Turner, to discuss his offerings. L. McMullen did offer that a group of older students at LHS called "Change" has been established and are working on skit-type presentations for the younger students and that extra counseling personnel had been hired last fall to help

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with the support system the school had in place. She also suggested establishing a “go fund me” page as well as contacting LEF about monies to help pay for Tim if he is to be hired.

Coalition and Grant Updates: B. Berson reported he did contact the United Way for their procedure for applying for a grant and the process starts in January with the award in May. Council will keep them as a resource for the future.

Project Purple Window Stickers: N. Fitzgerald presented the new “cling-on” stickers that will be offered to the public next year to support Project Purple. The cost was \$302.70 and additional stickers can be ordered. Members expressed excitement and suggest offering them as soon as possible.

Substance Free Homes: M. Shafer explained the concept, shared a sample pledge form and ideas were discussed. A committee of M. Shafer, J. Johnson, J. Cody, K. Garden, N. Fitzgerald, J. Tiul, and J. Abbott volunteered to continue developing a plan for implementation in the fall of 2016. They will report at the next meeting.

Summer Family Nights/Programs: Discussion on sponsoring a free “movie night” for the community during the summer or before school begins in August. J. Tiul volunteered to look for information on companies that run such a program. N. Fitzgerald will email J. Tiul with some information he has.

Texting and Driving Presentation Update: Tabled

Website Update: M. Shafer has paid for another year subscription. Construction designs tabled.

Smartphone presentations by S. Kubisek & G. Kenney: Tabled to fall ‘16

Form Subcommittees: Tabled

New Business:

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: T. Walsh, website construction, subcommittees, summer program

Adjournment: B. Berson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m., M. Shafer seconded, all ayes, motion passed.

Transcribed by E. Bauer, Secretary

K. Tieman, Chair

Next meeting will be June 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Annex, Bantam