

Litchfield Prevention Council

Regular Meeting

Town Hall Annex, Bantam

9/13/16

Present: Robert Berson, Kelly Garden, Meredith Shafer, Marion Pettinicchi

Also present: Carol Gillett-Lamond

Excused: Jennifer Abbot, Jill Johnson, Nicholas Fitzgerald,

Call to Order: K. Garden called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Appointment of Alternates: M. Pettinicchi was appointed to serve as a full member of the Council

Approval of Minutes: M. Shafer moved to accept the 8/9/16 Meeting Minutes. Discussion: Remove J. Tiul from the Excused list -- seconded by R. Berson. Two ayes, M. Pettinicchi and K. Garden abstained.

Treasurer Report: Dana Moore has resigned from the Council M. Shafer reported that there is \$10,356.73 in the checking account.

Correspondence:

- Carol Gillett-Lamond has been appointed to the LPC by the Board of Selectmen. She needs to take the oath of office at the Town Clerk's office.
- The League of Women Voters is planning a drug awareness presentation and is proposing a three person panel of experts. Contact person is Kerwin Mayers. R. Berson will contact and follow up with them.
- Allison Fulton of HVCASA encourages attendance by LPC members at the Prevention Rally on October 13, 2016 at WCSU Campus Student Center. There are two sessions and we are encouraged to send a representative to the evening session. R. Berson can attend the afternoon session.
- Kristen Della Volpe provided information about "Lighting Up Litchfield". There is a possibility that LPC could be asked to help fund the event this year.

Old Business:

- Project Purple -- Ben Storrs
There was a positive response from students to Project Purple's presence at the Under the Lights Soccer games on September 9.

Activities Day was today and many students signed up for Project Purple, maybe as many as 30 - 40. Mr. Storrs is interested in recruiting high status students as well as those who are not very involved in other activities. He also intends to speak with J. Murphy about any interested LIS students, as well as identifying a teacher that may be interested in promoting Project Purple at LIS.

Once the materials are available, the students can work on assembling the purple ribbons for Project Purple.

- Update Membership Status

Full Members: K. Garden, R. Berson, M. Shafer, J. Abbot, Jill Johnson.

Alternate Members: M. Pettinicchi, J. Tiul (moving to Full Member), Carol Gillett-Lamond (upon swearing in), N. Fitzgerald.

- Family Fun Night -- did not happen. This is a good idea and we will pursue a future opportunity.
- Presentation Ideas
 - League of Women Voters
 - Greenwoods -- At our last meeting Ms. Della Volpe presented that Greenwoods Counseling Referrals plans psycho-educational presentations in the schools. K. Garden and R., Berson met with them on 9/1. They have ambitious goals. We will continue to work with them to support their efforts.
 - Marc Mero -- thinkpoz.org. Talks on many adolescent subjects. Members were asked to review his website for further discussion at next meeting.
- Parents' Needs Assessment
 - Greenwoods plans to conduct a needs assessment with parents prior to their program. LPC will support this effort and use the results in our planning.
- Website / Social Media
 - Face book access and maintenance has been transferred from D. Moore. to M. Shafer.
- Safe Gathering Initiative
 - There has been a decent response to the Safe Gathering Initiative, as many as 30 - 40 parents have signed up so far. Future events to promote at would be school concerts and plays.
- Open House Update
 - LIS tonight with J. Abbot and J. Johnson, J Tuil
 - LMS 9/15 with R. Berson and J. Tiul, C. Gillett-Lamond
 - LHS 9/22 with M. Shafer and M. Pettinicchi
 - Center School - staffing TBD

New Business:

- Election of Treasurer -- Tabled to next meeting
- Litchfield Schools Student Survey - On the BoE agenda for the next meeting. 9/22 at 7 PM

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Vote for new Treasurer

Adjournment: R. Berson moved to adjourn and M. Shafer seconded. Motion Passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Transcribed by R. Berson, Secretary

K. Garden, Chair

Next meeting will be 10/11/16