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Litchfield Prevention Council
Meeting Minutes April 12, 2016

Present: K. Tieman, K. Garden, N. Fitzgerald, M. Shafer, B. Berson, D. Moore

Excused: M. Pettinicchi, E. Bauer

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

Appointment of Alternates: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by K. Garden to discuss approval of meeting minutes from March 8, 2016, seconded by B. Berson. Changes recommended under "Substance Free Homes", change K. Garden to M. Shafer. Under "adjournment" change B. Benson to B. Berson. Motion to approve the minutes with the recommended changes made by K. Garden, seconded by B. Berson. Vote: all ayes, D. Moore abstained.

Treasurer Report: N. Fitzgerald reported that current balance is \$5,648.22

Old Business:

Courage to Speak: Members discussed feedback from the presentations on April 4 and 5. All agreed that the book, Sunny's Story, was impactful and well written. Good literature and handouts were provided by Ginger Katz. Good feedback was received from parents/adults who attended the evening presentation. Ginger donated three copies of Sunny's Story and K. Garden gave them as a donation by the LPC to Oliver Wolcott Library. K. Garden will draft and send a thank you note to Ginger and Larry Katz.

Tim Walsh Update: Members discussed the feeling of needing to push forward in a timely manner to get Tim into LMS and LHS beginning in the fall. K. Garden sent a recap to the superintendent and has a meeting scheduled with L. McMullin on April 27, to discuss in more detail.

Coalition and Grant Update: B. Berson reported no updates. He will look into United Way Grant Funding opportunities for Tim Walsh before K. Garden's meeting on April 27.

Project Purple Decals: After discussing options for new "We Support Project Purple" decals, a motion was made by K. Tieman and seconded by B. Berson to allocate up to \$350 for decal purchase, vote all ayes, motion passed. N. Fitzgerald will shop for decals and advise members of options.

Substance Free Homes: No update.

Texting while Driving: No update

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Website Update: No update

Future Presentation Ideas:

Smartphones, Apps, Trending Topics and Dangers: S. Kubisek would be willing to present an informal parent/community discussion/presentation (with Greg Kenney perhaps) on what kids are doing with Smartphone apps, some of the dangerous apps as well as trends. Options/ideas for parents to help kids stay safe and use the phones and their many components safely and wisely. K. Garden will contact S. Kubisek to schedule a date, hopefully this spring. On this topic, a discussion ensued about how local businesses are using apps like Instagram to promote students and their business - is it also exploiting our children?

New Business:

Election of Officers: Tabled to next meeting. Members whose terms are expiring need to notify the First Selectman ASAP if they do not intend to stay on the council so we can move forward. M. Pettinicchi will be asked to change her status to alternate, temporarily, so that D. Moore can apply for a full her regular member position. Members of the community who have expressed interest in the council will be asked to apply for alternate positions as well (three openings remain at this time).

Future Agenda Items:

Tim Walsh, Coalition and Grant Update, Substance Free Homes, Website, Project Purple Decals, Summer Family Nights, Smartphone presentation by S. Kubisek, Form Subcommittees, Election of Officers

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:22 made by B. Berson, seconded by K. Garden, vote: all ayes motion passed.

Transcribed by K. Garden, Vice Chair

K. Tieman, Chair

Next meeting is scheduled on May 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex Bantam,