

Litchfield Prevention Council
Regular Meeting
Town Hall Annex Office
September 16, 2014 7:00 PM

Present: Elisa Bauer, Joann Brogis, Kelly Garden, Dana Moore, Marion Pettinicchi, Meredith Shafer, Kevin Tieman, Stephanie Kubisek, Litchfield Public Schools Liaison, Greg Kenney, Police Advisor

Excused: Robert Berson

Appointment of Alternates: Dana Moore for Robert Berson

Call to Order: Kevin Tieman, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Brogis moved to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting, second by K. Garden. Corrections under Correspondence delete extra period at end of the second to last sentence. Approval of minutes with correction, all ayes, motion passed.

Correspondence: No correspondence received.

Public Comment:

Frank Simone, Chairman of the Board of Education, thanked the Prevention Council for all of their work and informed the council that S. Kubisek will no longer be attending meetings as the Litchfield Public Schools Liaison; rather a Board of Education member will serve as a liaison. He also advised the Prevention Council will be on all future Board of Education agendas and members are encouraged to give updates at meetings.

Presentation:

Sober Flow Hip Hop Recovery Project: Jiandan "JD" Payza, Hip Hop Therapist explained the program and its history. She recently ran an "edu-tainment" program at the Community Center. On September 26th, she is running a community building/outreach program in Danbury. Her goal is to help at-risk students or who are already engaging in risky behaviors to collaborate with "artists" to give adolescents a way to express themselves and to engage in positive, healthy activities. JD also hosts an open mic night monthly at The Housatonic Trading Co. in Bantam. The next one is scheduled for September 27th at 7:00 p.m. and are free to attend. JD expressed interest in joining the Prevention Council and was told the procedure to volunteer

Old Business:

Open House Planning:

K. Tieman explained discussions he had with the Superintendent regarding the need for the Prevention Council to submit all materials for preview before they can be distributed in schools.

Coverage for Open Houses:

Center School – D. Moore, M. Shafer, J. Brogis

MS – E. Bauer, M. Shafer

HS – K. Tieman, K. Garden, M. Pettinicchi

M. Shafer will contact the Superintendent for approval to distribute business cards, pens, and magnets at open houses. J. Brogis will supply clip boards, card holders, and beverages. Coolers and ice will be provided by K. Tieman. E. Bauer will print sign-up sheets for both schools.

Monthly Speakers/Presentations for Fall 2014:

R. Berson is contacting Greenwoods Consulting Services and McCall Foundation for a volunteer to present a workshop.

K. Tieman will consult with J. Holm, Resident Trooper, to schedule a presentation on adolescent sex assault.
K. Garden is pursuing contacting physicians for a volunteer to discuss sport enhancing drugs.

Potential Schedule:

November – Drug 101

December – Chris Herren

January – Internet Safety

February – Sex Assault

The group discussed collaborating with the Board of Education and meeting with the Superintendent to develop protocols for getting approvals to use facilities and help promoting events through the schools (fliers, Constant Contact)

Funding: Discussion regarding the Chris Herren Presentation, as to where to hold and how to fundraise. The cost is approximately \$8,000.00 and M. Shafer reported some funds may be provided by Adam Ponsky and his facility. Other suggestions were presented and K. Garden volunteered to draft a solicitation letter to be used when approaching businesses for donations. She will also submit a facility request form to the Superintendent for approval to use the LIS auditorium for the Chris Herren Presentation on December 2, 2014.

New Business:

Treasurer Report: J. Brogis reported that we have \$6, 630.77 in our account as of July 31, 2014 and is working with the town treasurer to get the account re-opened.

Website: Members viewed and discussed the website. M. Shafer and Z. Weik, student assistant will make two size adjustments and it should be ready to open on Thursday, September 18th. K. Garden made a motion to approve the launch of the Litchfield Prevention Council website, www.litchfieldprevention.org . M. Pettinicchi seconded the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

K. Garden volunteered to give an update at tomorrow night's Board of Education meeting.

Agenda items for Next Meeting:

Grant preparation, treasurer's report, monthly speakers, committee reports, budget, BOE report

Adjournment:

K. Garden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. J. Brogis second, all ayes, motion passed.

Transcribed by E. Bauer, Secretary

Kevin Tieman, Chair

Next meeting will be October 7, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Litchfield Fire House