

**Litchfield Prevention Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**St. Anthony's, Litchfield**  
**May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM**  
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**Call to Order:** K. Garden called the meeting to order at 7:05

**Present:** K. Garden, B. Berson, J. Tiul, M. Pettinicchi, G. Waugh, J. Makuc

**Also present:**

**Excused:** J. Johnson, C. Gillett

**Absent:**

**Appointment of Alternates:** M. Pettinicchi was appointed to regular member status.

**Public Comment:** None

**School Liaison Report:** None

**Law Enforcement Report:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from April 9, 2019 were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve with no changes, seconded by G. Waugh. All ayes, motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** K. Garden reported a balance of \$6,968.85 from J. Johnson. This balance includes a check from HVCASA in the amount of \$3,020.21. Reimbursement is owed to B. Berson for printing expenses for the vaping presentation.

**Correspondence:** J. Tiul received an email about an Opioid Community Awareness event on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Congregational Church in Goshen. K. Garden received an email from Jen G. regarding an event the Bridgewater Prevention Council held on May 5<sup>th</sup> where those interested had read the book Beautiful Boy and then watched the movie. We may consider doing this type of event in the future. K. Garden received an email from Katie LaPointe about the Run for Hope on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bethlehem Fairgrounds. This is a run for suicide awareness and mental health.

**Old Business:**

Project Purple – J. Tiul reported that the March 15, 2019 Friday Fun Day was canceled, and another date will be set in the fall. This will be a fundraiser and an activity for the Project Purple kids.

Greenwoods – The next Pizza and Parenting workshop is scheduled for May 15 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Community Center. K. Garden reported that Liz Griswold thinks the Prevention Council could help with the pizza and rental space fees in the future if the LCC charges rent. K. Garden said we want to see that the turnout at these events is decent before we commit to any payments. The possibility of changing the name of this event to make it more enticing to people was discussed.

Family Game Night – J. Tiul said the next one is tentatively set for June 7<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion that this may conflict with a pops concert and it is best to hold off on scheduling another one until the fall.

HVCASA LPC Trainings – B. Berson reported the next training is on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 at the Maxx in New Milford.

Vaping Presentation – K. Garden and B. Berson reported that there has been no feedback yet on the student presentations, and that they will ask Julie Haggard for this information. K. Garden questioned the sustainability of continuing this program with 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders every year. B. Berson said the cost for the student and community presentations was \$1500. There was discussion about poor attendance at the community presentation and how to change this.

Drug Education for Parents – There was discussion about rethinking this event because of the poor turnout at other events. Rather than trying to plan something large, the Council may ask young people who have overcome drug addiction to share their stories, or look into a diversion program for kids at risk of drug use and addiction such as the McCall Center's Insight Group which is \$1500 for 10 sessions.

Vape Detectors – M. Pettinicchi contacted Wamogo about their vape detectors and their policy on vaping which provides choices of ISS or an education program, and she is waiting to hear back. M. Pettinicchi did learn that Fly Sense is the company installing the vape detectors and software. The cost is \$995 per detector and \$495 for the software. K. Garden reported that she is still waiting on a response from Dave Pavlick regarding installing vape detectors in the Middle and High School bathrooms. G. Waugh suggested that contacting Dave Fiorillo in the Central Office may be a quicker way to get answers.

### **New Business:**

Review Mission Statement – B. Berson stated that our mission should say more and be more specific. There was discussion that each member should try to review and draft a mission statement for the next meeting.

Cell Phone Policy in Grades K – 6 – K. Garden emailed Dave Pavlick with an article from Screenagers about how fast technology is advancing and she has not received a response yet. Attending a Board of Education meeting and presenting this information and/or calling the school to find out what the policy is may be the next steps.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

### **Adjournment:**

G. Waugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37, M. Pettinicchi seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by J. Makuc, Secretary

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Kelly Garden, Chairwoman

Next meeting will be June 11, 2019