

**Litchfield Prevention Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**St. Anthony of Padua, Litchfield**  
**November 9, 2021 7:00 PM**  
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**Call to Order:** G. Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

**Present:** G. Waugh, B. Berson, J. Johnson, J. Tiul, J. Makuc, C. Kinkade

**Also present:** Emma Johnson-Hollis, Tianna Lee, Conor Burke

**Excused:**

**Absent:**

**Appointment of Alternates:** None

**School Liaison Report:** None, however Tianna Lee, the new Social Worker for LPS and liaison to the Prevention Council, will help provide this information at future meetings.

**Law Enforcement Report:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Accidentally overlooked during meeting. September and November minutes will be approved at December meeting.

**Public Comment:**

**Treasurer Report:** J. Johnson reported a balance of \$9,949.73 and stated that the Prevention Council has not received the allocation from the town yet.

**Correspondence:**

- B. Berson email fwd 10/18/21 – WCC Problem Gambling Conference 10/20 & 10/21
- B. Berson email fwd 10/29/21 – WCC Training Webinar Dates, Overdose Prevention, QPR Suicide Prevention
- Letter dated 10/22/21 from Denise Raap appointing Colleen Kinkade as a regular member of the Prevention Council

**Old Business:**

UpRooting Addiction Event – Funding and Staffing – B. Berson stated that Monday, January 24, 2022 will be the date for this with January 25<sup>th</sup> as a snow date, and the event will take place at the Bantam Cinema. B. Berson described a town-wide mailing to go out in the first part of January, a flyer promoting the event, and a radio campaign in January. J. Johnson suggested the Region 6 Prevention Council might get a mailing out to their towns about this. Members discussed the capacity of the theaters is around 86 and that people will be asked to register for the event. G. Waugh raised a question about an honorarium for the panel speakers. Members also discussed advertising this with the Litchfield.bz, Litchfield Connection, and with flyers on

Facebook including boosting the posts and tagging various organizations in these posts. B. Berson also stated that streaming may be available for this event. \*\*\*\*MOTION – B. Berson moved to authorize G. Waugh to contract with the various entities involved in the promotion and showing of this event and to spend up to \$4000 for those purposes. J. Johnson seconded. All ayes, motion passes.\*\*\*\*

Family Game Night/ Fall Family Festival – J. Tiul reported that 75 people registered for the fall festival which was cosponsored by the Prevention Council, and she ended up buying \$400 worth of pizza from Litchfield Pizza and Hometown. \*\*\*\*MOTION – G. Waugh moved to reimburse J. Tiul the \$400 for the pizza she bought for the Fall Family Festival, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passes.\*\*\*\* J. Tiul described some options given by the Litchfield Community Center for another family event including the traditional game night, a winter family festival, or an LIS Fun Day. \*\*\*\*MOTION – G. Waugh moved to spend up to \$300 for a family game night on December 3, 2021, seconded by B. Berson. All ayes, motion passes.\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*MOTION – J. Johnson moved to spend up to \$300 for a family game night on January 21, 2022, seconded by B. Berson. All ayes, motion passes.\*\*\*\*

Mike Pascento Email – LPS Liaison Tianna Lee 11/3 – G. Waugh welcomed Tianna Lee and thanked her for agreeing to be our LPS liaison.

Student Survey Results and Program Planning – No new discussion.

Updated By-Laws Review – G. Waugh asked to keep the language of the meeting time of the second Tuesday of the month for ten months out of the year in the by-laws. J. Makuc will make this change and members will review at the December meeting.

Youth Council/Student Groups – G. Waugh stated that we will be trying to regenerate this once it can happen and we'll ask for Tianna Lee's help.

WCC Grant Submission Planning – Emma Johnson-Hollis from WCC stated that the grant has been received. Members thanked B. Berson for his work on this.

Continued Recording Secretary Search – G. Waugh is working with Ann Combs to identify a person who may be interested.

### **New Business:**

Vote for Program Ad for Wamogo Show featuring Litchfield and Wamogo kids – J. Tiul stated that the deadline for this was missed, and she will look into the possibility of placing an ad in the yearbook and upcoming shows.

Potential New LPC Member Discussion – G. Waugh stated that Matt Dyer may be interested in joining the Prevention Council, and he will try to attend the December meeting.

Zoom Possibilities for either Greg or Stephanie – G. Waugh stated this should be looked into so the Prevention Council can get a law enforcement report, especially with instances of overdoses still being high. G. Waugh stated he would check with Denise Raap on Zoom possibilities from the town's account. C. Kinkade stated that she has access to the town's Zoom account and will set it up.

Social Hosting Laws (Region 10 Example) – G. Waugh talked about the importance of educating families about the legal implications of allowing underage drinking on their property, and stated that this may be something the Prevention Council can send info about to the school mailing list. Members discussed the

Safe Gathering Pledge that was done a number of years ago and the possibility of doing this again. The Safe Gathering Pledge is still on the Prevention Council's website. Emma Johnson-Hollis will send links on social hosting and C. Kinkade can help add them to the Prevention Council's Facebook page.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

**Adjournment:**

B. Berson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13, J. Johnson seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by J. Makuc, Secretary

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Gary Waugh, Chairman

Next meeting will be December 14, 2021