

Litchfield Prevention Council
Meeting Minutes
St. Anthony of Padua, Litchfield and Zoom
January 11, 2022 7:00 PM
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Call to Order: G. Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Present: G. Waugh, B. Berson on Zoom, J. Johnson, J. Makuc, C. Kinkade

Also present: Emma Johnson-Hollis on Zoom, Conor Burke, and Stephanie Cortes on Zoom

Excused:

Absent: J. Tiul

Appointment of Alternates: None

School Liaison Report: G. Waugh reported that Mike Pascento is facilitating a school mentoring program for kids, but it's not fully implemented yet, and he has asked LPC for ways we can consider supporting this.

Law Enforcement Report: Trooper Stephanie Cortes reported that there were several overdoses over the holiday season and the towns of Burlington, Bethlehem, and Woodbury are of more concern right now. Trooper Cortes reported that there was a non-fatal overdose in Morris this week, and there has been a fentanyl laced marijuana outbreak in Watertown. G. Waugh raised a question concerning an incident involving students using vaping products containing fentanyl at Norwalk High School and a concern about Narcan.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by C. Kinkade. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer Report: J. Johnson reported a balance of \$9,123.46. Recent expenditures include \$400 for the licensing of the film UpRooting Addiction, \$300 to the Bantam Cinema for the viewing of UpRooting Addiction, and \$115.65 to B. Berson for reimbursement for the printing of the flyers for UpRooting Addiction at Minuteman Press. G. Waugh reported that he had received an email from Allison Fulton at WCC reminding LPC that grant funds must be spent by June 30, 2022.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

UpRooting Addiction Event Update and Discussion – B. Berson reported that everyone has been onboard with postponement of this event given the high numbers of positive Covid cases all over the state. Members discussed rescheduling for the week of March 14th or on April 4th. B. Berson said it has to be on a Monday or Tuesday for the Bantam Cinema and he will check on these dates with the Cinema and Greenwoods.

Members discussed that one mailer will be sent out advertising this film and containing information about the dangers of vaping, and information about the LPC and a request for volunteers.

Family Game Night Update – No update available at this meeting. G. Waugh will ask J. Tiul if LPC is supposed to be a part of the LCC event “Fire and Ice” on January 29th.

Continued Recording Secretary Search – G. Waugh will contact Barbara Putnam to see if she is interested.

Social Hosting Laws – J. Johnson reported that the safe gathering pledge on LPC’s website is outdated, and members agreed that it should be taken down and a new pledge can be explored. B. Berson stated that LPC should seriously look at redesigning its website. C. Kinkade and J. Johnson agreed to keep LPC’s Facebook page active so we continue to have a social media presence, and they asked members to send them links of topics they can share on this page. J. Johnson stated that the WCC has links to all the prevention councils in the state and as a first step we should look at those in exploring changes and updates to consider for our website. ****MOTION: B. Berson moved that LPC move forward with a plan to redesign its website with the ability to spend up to \$500 to get this started, seconded by J. Johnson. All ayes, motion passed.**** Members agreed to meet on Monday, January 24th at 4:30 pm at the Park and Rec Office to get this started.

New Business:

G. Waugh stated that he would go before the Board of Education to talk about UpRooting Addiction and let them know it will be rescheduled because it will be helpful to know if there are any conflicts with the new dates being considered. Members agreed this is a good idea.

C. Kinkade proposed an idea to go along with Prom scheduled for early June which would include a one stop shop for girls with consignment shops, hair salons, tailors, florists, raffles, etc. Vendors would be charged for their spot and the LPC could have a table there with information about drinking & driving and vaping dangers. Emma Johnson-Hollis also suggested that we could get the Susan B. Anthony Project and Women’s Support Services involved. C. Kinkade stated that money earned could be put towards a Project Graduation event. Members agreed that this is a great idea.

Emma Johnson-Hollis and Conor Burke from WCC brought two grant opportunities to the attention of LPC – one called the State Opioid Response Grant which needs five letters of support and the other in the amount of \$500 to send out information on problem gambling and the impact it has. March is Gambling Awareness Month. Members agreed to apply for these grants.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

J. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03, B. Berson seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by J. Makuc, Secretary

Gary Waugh, Chairman

Next meeting will be February 8, 2022