

Litchfield Prevention Council
Meeting Minutes
St. Anthony of Padua, Litchfield and Zoom
February 8, 2022 7:00 PM
DRAFT

Call to Order: G. Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm

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

Also present: Emma Johnson-Hollis on Zoom, Conor Burke, Tianna Lee on Zoom, Priscilla Jeffery

Excused:

Absent:

Appointment of Alternates: None

School Liaison Report: Tianna Lee reported that Dr. Pascento still wants to put together a meeting with the PTO and the Prevention Council. T. Lee also reported that hopefully a school mentoring program can happen soon. There was discussion about a job description for a mentor and creating a list of vetted community mentors.

Law Enforcement Report: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 11, 2022 meeting were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by J. Johnson. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Comment: Priscilla Jeffery from the Litchfield Arts Council stated that they are starting to write grants and they are interested in projects they can partner on with the Prevention Council.

Treasurer Report: J. Johnson reported a balance of \$8,947.98. Recent expenditures included \$115.65 for the printing of the posters for UpRooting Addiction, \$150.00 to Dog & Pony for the layout of the UpRooting Addiction poster, and \$5.31 for the monthly website hosting fee. J. Johnson reported that she is working on getting the stipend from the town.

Correspondence: G. Waugh reported that Allison Fulton sent the contract confirmation for the annual grant. Emma Johnson-Hollis will follow up with Allison Fulton on the status of the check.

Old Business:

Welcome to New Member – Matt Dyer has joined the Prevention Council.

UpRooting Addiction Event Update – B. Berson reported that the new date for this event is April 4th and that all will be the same as previously planned for January. B. Berson stated that some funds will need to be spent on flyers, brochures, and radio spots for the last week of March. Members discussed an MC for this event, social media posts, getting the word out to the various groups members are involved with, and that there will not be a reservation requirement this time.

Website Redesign Update – some members met on January 24th to begin this process. J. Johnson has reached out to Evan Dobos for a competitive quote on this project.

Family Game Night Update – J. Tiul reported that Dave Hunt is no longer at LCC. J. Tiul will reach out to LCC to try to schedule a family game night for March which will add another way to advertise for the UpRooting Addiction event.

Review of Grant Submissions and Letters of Support – G. Waugh reported that he applied for two grants through the Western CT Coalition with the help of Emma Johnson-Hollis and Conor Burke. These grants are the Opioid Response Initiative for \$5000 and Region 5 Gambling Awareness for \$500. Letters of support came from Denise Raap, John Simoncelli, Chris Leone, Matt Terzian, and Monsignor Tucker. Conor Burke reported that grants were being reviewed.

Continued Recording Secretary Search – G. Waugh reported that Barbara Putnam has agreed to do this beginning in March.

P.O. Box Issue – G. Waugh reported that an issue with the mail occurred when Allison Fulton mailed the annual grant contract confirmation to the LPC P.O. Box and it was returned to her as undeliverable. J. Makuc and G. Waugh went to the Litchfield Post Office to find out why this happened. There was no explanation but all should be fine now.

Prom Event – C. Kinkade reported that the LHS Prom is on Saturday, June 4th and the Wamogo Prom is on Friday, May 27th. Members discussed holding an event on a Sunday afternoon in the beginning of May and beginning work on asking various vendors to participate. Members discussed having door prizes and an LPC table at the event. There was also discussion about having post prom activities and a post-graduation program.

Social Hosting Laws – G. Waugh talked about the importance of filling out the CT Clearinghouse survey. Conor Burke will look into it, but it may only be for targeted groups to fill out. Members discussed that there are parents who don't know what social hosting laws are and we could time putting out information about this with the website redesign and at the prom event. Conor Burke will look into getting handouts of social hosting laws for the prom event.

New Business:

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

J. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21, M. Dyer seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by J. Makuc, Secretary

Gary Waugh, Chairman

Next meeting will be March 8, 2022