

Litchfield Prevention Council

Special Meeting Minutes

St. Anthony of Padua, Litchfield and Zoom

March 8, 2022 6:00 PM

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

Members Present: Gary Waugh, Bob Berson, Matt Dyer (on zoom), Jill Johnson, Coleen Kinkade, Jaime Makuc (on zoom), Jacqueline Tiul

Others present: Emma Johnson-Hollis (on zoom), Tianna Lee (on zoom), Barbara Putnam, recording secretary

School Liaison Report: Tianna Lee reported

- that Principal Dr. Mike Pascento has approved circulating our flyers at the High School
- that Dr. Pascento will work with the Parent Teacher Organization, the Litchfield Education Foundation and us to create a job description for a mentor and a list of vetted community mentors for a mentoring program at the High School
- with easing of COVID at Litchfield Public Schools, programs involving team building activities that reconnect the kids with each other are now possible
- that she will discuss offering a vaping program at the High School, collaborating with the McCall Foundation and with Greenwoods.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Bob Berson moved to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by Jill Johnson. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Johnson reported a balance of \$19,122.70. We received \$5000 from the state opioid initiative, \$500 from the gambling fund, and a \$5121.21 stipend from the Western Connecticut Coalition. We spent \$253 for publicity with WZBG for the UpRooting Addiction program, and \$231.87 for Family Game Night.

Correspondence: Gary Waugh reported that we received an invitation from Kathy Hardy of the Western Connecticut Coalition to a seminar on gambling addiction on 3/29/2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Old Business:

- **UpRooting Addiction Event** Update – Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bantam Cinema. Bob Berson
 - reported that he is working with Harmony Tanguay on a flyer for us to distribute. There will be 50 copies available. He will drop them off to people who can't pick them up.
 - asks that all council members invite their personal connections and show up.
 - noted that we still need to appoint an MC and speakers.
 - reported that we have an interview on WZBG on 3/28/2022 at 8:30 a.m. to promote the event with John Simoncelli and Hope Payson
 - asked for review and feedback on the final plans. Gary will review them with him.
- **Website Redesign** Update – Jill Johnson reported that she has been unable to make contact with Evan Dobos. The group agreed that Harmony Tanguay of Dog and Pony Designs' bid of \$2500 seems reasonable, but that we should have a second quote before we decide. Matt Dyer suggested Dan Croci, of 22 Creative. He will send contact information to Jill.
- **Family Game Night** Update - May 13, 2022 at the Litchfield Community Center. Jackie Tiul

- has been in touch with Berta Andrulis Mette of the Community Center about an MC, and will meet with Hannah, whom Berta recommended to lead it.
- noted that funds will be required for pizza and for games and craft supplies
- asked that the Prevention Council authorize her to spend up to \$400 for Family Game Night expenses. Bob Berson moved to authorize Jackie Tiul to spend up to \$400 for Family Game Night, seconded by Jill Johnson. All voted in favor, motion passed.
- reported that the Community Center is having a festival on 4/22/2022. She will forward details to our group by email. Since we do not meet in April, any plans to participate will have to be made by email.
- **Prom Event** update – date to be determined (LHS Prom is on Saturday, June 4th and the Wamogo Prom is on Friday, May 27th.)
 - Coleen Kinkade suggests a “Pop-Up Prom Store” on a Sunday afternoon.
 - Jackie Tiul will meet with her and try to get the school prom committee involved.
- **Social Hosting Laws** –
 - Emma will get information.
 - Coleen will create a flyer this week.
 - Tianna can circulate it to sports participants, with Dr. Pascento’s permission

New Business:

- **Report of meeting with Denise Raap** re. funding. Gary Waugh
 - explained that in order for the Town to fund our work, we need to submit a proposal and plan to complete the project within the upcoming fiscal year (July 1-June 30).
 - We have funds on hand that need to be put to work.
 - Denise Raap would like us to apply for grants as an agency of the Town.
 - She would like to see us get back into youth programs the give kids healthy things to do.
- **Gambling presentation** connected to our grant is on March 29, 2022 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Gary would like to see about doing something for youth before the end of the school year – possibly a seminar, spots on TV/radio or something in the high school health classes. He will talk to Dr. Pascento about what’s possible.
- **Pre-prom** opportunity funding request
 - Jackie Tiul has been in contact with the parent group, SPTC and the student council about the pre prom event on June 4. They are short on funds.
 - Jill Johnson moved that Jackie Tiul be authorized to spend up to \$250 on the Pre prom event, Bob Berson seconded and all voted in favor. The motion passed.
- Gary offered his appreciation of the volunteers who make all this possible.

Adjournment:

Jill Johnson moved to adjourn, Bob Berson seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Putnam, Recording Secretary

Gary Waugh, Chairman

Next meeting will be May 10, 2022