

Litchfield Prevention Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Bantam Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT
June 28, 2022 7:00 PM
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Call to Order: G. Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm

Present: G. Waugh, B. Berson, J. Johnson, J. Makuc, M. Dyer

Also present: Marie Ziello of Litchfield and Fran Clem of Bantam were both present to observe the meeting.

Excused: C. Kinkade and J. Tiul

Absent:

Appointment of Alternates: None

School Liaison Report: None

Law Enforcement Report: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed. B. Berson moved to approve the minutes with no changes, seconded by J. Johnson. All ayes, motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer Report: J. Johnson reported a balance of \$14,652.00

Correspondence: None

******Point of Order** made by B. Berson. B. Berson moved that the Litchfield Prevention Council take up the items under New Business before the items under Old Business as the New Business contains critical issues to resolve first, seconded by M. Dyer. All ayes, motion passes.****

New Business:

- Vote to allocate funds to support curriculum for Stacked Deck – G. Waugh stated the CT DMHAS is heading up an effort on gambling awareness and curbing addiction. Part of this includes the offer of a 5-packet curriculum called Stacked Deck based out of North Carolina. G. Waugh has heard extensive reports on this. The LPC agreed that this could fit into the Arts or PE curriculum at LPS. ******MOTION** – J. Johnson moved that we buy 3 packets of the Stacked Deck curriculum for \$450, seconded by B. Berson. All ayes, motion passes.****
- Vote to allocate funds for supplies for LMS/LHS poster making contest – G. Waugh reported that this has been discussed with Dr. Pascento and could be on-going with different themes every month but focused on prevention and mental health. G. Waugh stated this could involve the help of

community members and artists, Fran Clem and Priscilla Jefferies. Members agreed a small prize for the contest would help with incentive. ****MOTION – B. Berson moved that we allocate \$500 to LHS for art supplies for the posters, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passes.****

- Vote to allocate funds to bring speakers to LPS – ****MOTION – B. Berson moved to allocate up to \$2500.00 as a deposit for Matt Bellace to give a presentation to more than one group, seconded by M. Dyer. All ayes, motion passes.****
- Town Treasurer's takeover of LPC checkbook by July 22, 2022 – discuss staying with the town or establishing a 501-C3 – G. Waugh stated that this directive came from the town to ensure all town entities are following the town's financial guidelines and maintaining consistency. On July 22, 2022 this transition must be made. Members agreed this could make it very hard to get our work accomplished in the timeframes required for various reasons. Members discussed the pros and cons of becoming a 501-C3 organization. Members agreed that the first step is to schedule a meeting with Denise Raap to discuss options and details.
- Vote to allocate funds to support 8th Grade LMS students' end of year trip – ****MOTION – B. Berson moved that we allocate \$500 to support the 8th Grade LMS students' end of year trip, seconded by M. Dyer. All ayes, motion passes.****
- Vote to allocate funds to purchase Matt Bellace books/gifts for LPS graduating seniors – ****MOTION – B. Berson moved that we allocate \$700 for the purchase of Matt Bellace's book "A Better High" for each LHS graduating senior, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passes.****
- LPC Inventory – discussion on what we have and vote to allocate funds for purchase of "LPC giveaways" – J. Makuc gave an overview of items including a box of Project Purple materials, a box of sweatshirts and raffle tickets, a box of Deterra – drug deactivation kits, a Ziploc bag of pens, some stickers and business cards, a few tablecloths, and a banner. Members discussed purchasing more items. M. Dyer suggested we hold off until we ask the kids what they would like for swag and members agreed.
- Discuss end of year grant funding accountability – J. Johnson said that once all of the LPC expenditures are made, she will then match up the beginning of the year proposals to our expenditures as she has done every year and this works fine.
- Discuss internet safety assembly for LMS 7 & 8 grades during the first week back to school, requested by Dr. Pascento – G. Waugh reported that in conversation with Dr. Pascento there has been concern about Internet behavior among the middle school students. ****MOTION – B. Berson moved that we allocate up to \$4,000.00 to bring Scott Driscoll of Internet Safety Concepts back to provide presentations to the students and parents, seconded by J. Makuc. All ayes, motion passes.****
- Update on payments to Barbara Putnam for recording secretary services – J. Johnson reported that those payments are all up-to-date.
- Discuss providing the NARCAN training offered by Greenwoods for the community – Members discussed the importance of getting parents trained and having NARCAN in every household. J. Johnson suggested that we may be able to get sign-ups for this training at the Wellness Fair in September.
- Discuss having a table at the Litchfield Community Center Wellness Fair in September 2022 – J. Tiul brought this to the attention of the LPC via email. Members agreed we should do this and think about what giveaways we can bring. This will be discussed more at the August meeting.

Old Business:

- Update on showing of film Resilience, suggested by Ted Angevine – tabled until August meeting.
- Uprooting Addiction – Discuss doing another showing – tabled until August meeting.
- Website Redesign Update – Discuss status of quotes and vote to enter into contract with a designer – Members discussed that we have tried very hard to get quotes and Harmony Tanguay is the only one who provided one. Members decided to wait on this until we know more about our status as a town entity or a 501-C3.
- Vote on moving LPC meetings from St. Anthony’s Church in Litchfield to the Annex Meeting Room in Bantam – Members agreed that this is a wise decision most importantly because the Annex has a much better connection for Zoom. Members agreed that this location change should happen and does not require a vote.
- Family Game Night – Report from May 13, 2022 – G. Waugh reported that there were around 50 people at the May event and we should continue our commitment to this because it’s so successful.
- Social Hosting Laws – Discuss effective ways to get the word out – tabled until August meeting.
- Gambling Addiction – Get BOE approval for a schoolwide presentation and discuss funding – tabled until August meeting.
- Prom Event – plan for 2023, start in January – tabled until August meeting.
- Town funding requests must start in November/December 2022 – tabled until August meeting.
- Set up an annual calendar and consider monthly themes to assist with planning events – tabled until August meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjournment:

J. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53, M. Dyer seconded. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Transcribed by J. Makuc, Secretary

Gary Waugh, Chairman

Next meeting will be August 9, 2022