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Litchfield Prevention Council
Special Meeting Minutes

Bantam Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam and on Zoom
March 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Gary Waugh, Chair, Jill Johnson, Treasurer, Jaime Makuc, Secretary, Maria Ziello, Jacqueline Tiul, Matt Dyer (on Zoom),

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Colleen Kinkade

Alternates Present: Priscilla Jeffery

Gary Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

School Liaison Report: Tiana Lee was absent.

Law Enforcement Liaison Report: Gary reported that Trooper Holm reported that since the beginning of January 2023, there have been five arrests for narcotics, including marijuana, and five reports that did not result in arrests.

Approval of Minutes from 2/14/23: Jackie Tiul made and Jill Johnson seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as mailed out with the agenda. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Treasurer Report: none

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- **Discuss Art Contest and getting the posters out into the community:** Jaime has arranged to purchase frames for the posters. One is in the entry of the Community Center, and they change them up regularly so all of them will be seen. The Hospital and the Library have sets of them. The large size is not appropriate for the small businesses. Priscilla suggested looking into having them attached to foam board for a less expensive way to frame them.
- **Discuss the community webinar by Scott Driscoll** of Internet Safety Concepts rescheduled for February 21, 2023. Tiana reported that the presentations worked to get the kids talking. The evening webinar, however, attracted very few parents, though other parents reported discussing the school presentation with their kids.
- **Update on the bench in memory of Bob Berson:** The bench is in the process of being constructed and Jill will get the plaque made. We are looking for a date in May for the dedication.
- **Discuss how to address the vaping issue:** It is hard to fit this into the spring schedule. The posters from Woodbury could still be put up in the bathrooms at the high school. It

would be better to plan on having a speaker and information to hand out in the fall. Jill described a device that demonstrates what goes into your lungs with vaping. It costs about \$200. We might consider giving one to the health teachers to use.

- **Gambling curriculum** – March is Gambling awareness month. A March Madness poster about sports gambling was circulated. Jill has tried out the Stacked Deck curriculum with a group of students and says it's excellent.

Matt Dyer entered the meeting on Zoom.

- **Pop-up shop** –It is too late to move ahead with the pop-up shop this year. It will have to be planned in Nov/Dec, to happen in February for a May prom date. However, a pre-prom reception on May 13 is an opportunity for the Prevention Council to support the Prom.

Matt Dyer moved and Jackie Tiul seconded a motion to offer up to \$250 to the PTO for the pre-prom reception. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Video Contest:** Gary reports that the art teachers are on board and that Mike Pascento has approved having it at the High School. It is now on Chris Leone's desk for his approval. Applicants are asked to identify a problem and describe possible solutions. Entries are due April 28.

New Business:

- **WCC Regional meeting at the LCC on Feb 8:** No discussion.
- **Mama Mia and Talent in Town:** Jackie was enthusiastic about the show and about our ad in the program.
- **Discuss co-hosting Scarlett Lewis event:** LPC can offer up to \$2500, half of her fee. Litchfield Health and Wellness can match that. Denise Raap would like to see the other towns in the new Region 20 to support this event in some way. A dinner was mentioned as a way to attract more attendees.
- **Movie, "Resilience" showing and discussion:** The month of May and the fall were mentioned as possible dates. Opioid money can be used for this.
- **LCC Earth Day Event Participation** – Jackie and Priscilla will man the table. There are plenty of brochures and t-shirts in various members' basements and garages.

Gary called for a *vote to buy the frames for the art contest posters for \$106.01. Matt moved and Jackie seconded the motion. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.*

- **Report on Website design** – a brainstorming session of updating the mission statement resulted in:

Mission: The Litchfield Prevention Council provides information, training, and resources that encourage our community members to adopt healthy lifestyles, positive choices, and personal responsibility.

Adjournment: Matt moved and Jill seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:23.