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Litchfield Prevention Council
Meeting Minutes

Bantam Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam and on Zoom
May 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Gary Waugh, Chair, Jill Johnson, Treasurer, Jaime Mackuc, Secretary, Maria Ziello, Co-Vice Chair, Jacqueline Tiul, (on Zoom),

Others Present (on Zoom): Emma Johnson-Hollis, CT Coalition. Denise Raap, First Selectwoman.

Members Absent: Matt Dyer, Colleen Kinkade

Alternates Absent: Priscilla Jeffrey, Co-Vice Chair

Gary Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

School Liaison Report: none

Law Enforcement Liaison Report: none

Approval of Minutes from 3/27/23: Jill Johnson made and Maria Ziello seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as emailed out with the agenda. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Jill reported a bank balance of \$18,773.71 with no outstanding bills.

Correspondence: none.

Old Business:

- **Update on the bench in memory of Bob Berson:** Giordano failed to respond to communications, so a new vendor, Sesco, has been engaged. A proof of the plaque was circulated. It will not be ready this spring, so a fall date during the school year will be sought. Possibly 9/29/2023, the anniversary of Bob's death.
- **Report on website design:** The emphasis is on positive resources for healthy behaviors. Maria commented on there being more need in the adult community, other than parents and caregivers. There was discussion of how rare it is to get more than a handful of parents to attend our events. Emma spoke supporting the science of positive, where both hope and concern are expressed. She suggested that our website include local data. Gary would like a bio of each member of the Council on the website.
- **Stacked Deck Gambling Curriculum:** Cathy Henly of the CT Coalition would like a progress report. Jill will write one up.
- **Video Contest Update:** The contest was not a class assignment and it had no takers. The team of three students who made the pilot were in a course in the fall that was not given in the spring.

Jill moved and Jaime seconded a motion to give \$25 Target gift cards to the three students who make the pilot. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Discuss Scarlett Lewis event** planned for the fall of 2023: Chris Leone has several half days for staff training planned in the fall. He would like to schedule Scarlett Lewis during one of them. The staff of Region 20 is about 200 people. He says he would like to buy a copy of her book, Nurturing Healing Love for each of his mental health professionals.

Gary would like to have an evening presentation in addition to that for parents and community members. The choice of venue – Community Center, LIS or Wamogo -- would depend on attendance. Registration would be helpful in judging which one to use. Gary will follow up with the Lewis foundation, asking for both an afternoon and evening presentation.

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Jackie Tiul arrived on Zoom

New Business:

- **Discuss Matt Bellace Presentaion:** Mike Pascento has not yet scheduled this. It may need to happen in the fall if he doesn't schedule it soon. There is little time to plan an art contest in the spring.

Jaime made and Maria seconded a motion to spend up to \$700 on copies of the book, A Better High to give to LHS graduating seniors. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **LCC Earth Day Event Participation** – The event was well attended – about 200 people came through. T-Shirts were given away and there was interest and discussion at our table. It helped get our message out.
- **Election of Officers:** will take place at our next meeting. All current officers are willing to serve another term.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.