



Ridgefield Prevention Council

Meeting Minutes

Date

September 24, 2025 6:00pm

Location

415 Main Street, Suite A (SpireTHERAPY)

Mission: The Ridgefield Prevention Council supports a safe and healthy environment for all Ridgefield families through awareness, education and positive alternatives to alcohol and other substance use and to reduce high-risk youth behaviors

"Ridgefield Prevention Council meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility."

Ridgefield Prevention Council – Meeting Minutes

Date:9/24/25

Call to Order: 6:18 PM

Attendees

- Denise Santangelo (Chair)
- Will Knispel
- Bhargavi Ramamurthy
- Sarah [Last Name]

- Karen Facini
 - Others not present
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1. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda: **Approved** (Sarah / Karen)
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2. Approval of Minutes (August 2025)

- Motion to approve August 2025 minutes: **Approved** (Will / Karen)
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3. Treasurer's Report

- Presented by **Karen Facini**
 - Current balance: **\$23,930.21**
 - Outstanding payments: Siera (Social Coordinator) for **July & August** – needs improved processing system.
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4. Chairperson's Report (Denise Santangelo)

- **Pizza & Prevention Event** – Sponsors confirmed: *SpireTHERAPY & Planet Pizza*
 - **SpireBALL Sign-ups** – Live; RPC sponsoring; outreach through schools and PTA.
 - **Meeting with C. Burke (WCT Coalition)**: Coordination on upcoming prevention initiatives.
 - **Event Calendar & Budget 2025–26**: Ongoing planning and volunteer assignments.
 - **Social Media Update**: Deferred (Siera absent).
 - **Suicide Prevention Week Sponsorship**: Alisa leading LGBTQIA+ component.
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5. Event Updates & Planning

- **SpireBALL (Sept)**: Wiffle Ball League promoted via PTA; superintendent assisting with distribution. RPC sponsorship on flyers.
- **Movie Night (Oct/Nov)**: *A Beautiful Boy (2018)* – collaboration with Ridgefield Playhouse. Denise & Karen meeting with Playhouse on **9/29/25 @ 10 AM**.
- **Halloween Walk (Oct)**: Denise overseeing. Will include RPC merch and prize wheel.

- **Collaboration with Redding:** Sarah to lead joint event planning—potentially the November movie.
 - **Coordinator Assignments:**
 - Karen Facini – Budget/Treasurer & Event Coordination
 - Kim Carone – [TBD]
 - Siera Facini – Social Media (absent)
 - Tina Malhotra – [TBD]
 - Bhargavi Ramamurthy – [TBD]
 - Will Knispel – Student Liaison
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6. New Business

- **Meeting with Ridgefield Playhouse:** Denise & Karen to coordinate logistics for Movie Night.
 - **SpireBALL Expansion:**
 - Exploring **permanent & pop-up locations** for seasonal play.
 - Fall session: September–Mid-October/November.
 - Winter session: Indoor options to be researched.
 - **NEW IDEA: RPC 5K Event**
 - Denise introduced; potential *multi-town collaboration*.
 - Sarah assisting with outreach to other towns.
 - Denise to approach **Ridgefield Running Company (RRC)** for partnership.
 - **October Focus Topic: Opioid & Prescription Drug Awareness.**
 - Event: *A Beautiful Boy (2018)* movie screening (tentatively **Nov 1–15**).
 - Collaboration with Ridgefield Playhouse.
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7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned via text at **6:56 PM** (Zoom ended).
- **Official Adjournment Time: 6:56 PM**