



Ridgefield Prevention Council

Date

August 27, 2025 6:00pm

Location

415 Main Street, Suite A (SpireTHERAPY)

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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."

Attendance: Attendees:

- Name: DENISE SANTANGELO
- Name: SIERA FACINI
- Name: KAREN FACINI
- Name: WILL KNISPEL
- Name:
- Name:

Call to Order: 6:03pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from June 2025 meeting approved, Denise made a motion, all in favor- Minutes approved.

Treasurer report: Karen Facini read report. Reported currently have \$23,930.21.

Reports/Discussion:

Chairperson's Report by Denise Santangelo

- Local Prevention Council Grant Final Report - completed and submitted by Kim Carone to Conor Burke @ cburke@wctcoalition.org
- Survey Sent out to Town - Denise created new survey, approved by Karen F. and Kim C. and sent to Town - Gillian for dissemination
- Review Event Dates/Calendar Plan & Budget info for 25-26 - continue to review, assign volunteers, and budget;
- Hired Siera to do website and Social Media presence.
 - WEBSITE LOOKS GREAT - CHANGING COLORS AND NEW LOGO POSSIBILITY...Siera to do options for us
- Pizza & Prevention Upcoming for Sept event - Sponsors: SpireTHERAPY & PLANET PIZZA - RPC will pay for sodas, waters - DS purchase and reimbursement by RPC.
 - Siera to bring 2 tables
 - Denise to bring chairs (benches)
 - Siera to post and boost ad - reel
 - Plate pizza: will donate pizza and plates as needed.
 - RPC TO PAY - soft drinks and water - DS purchase and reimbursement by RPC.
 - Passed motion for this event and sponsorship costs, etc.
- SpireBALL SignUps Live - RPC sponsorship- cost for exhibition games at home field of DS. - ~\$200 by RPC for wiffle balls and parent seating benches. - RPC will reimburse when invoice sent.
- Passed motion for sponsoring this event and sponsorship costs ~\$200 - initial sponsorship.
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- Review Event Dates/Calendar Plan & Budget info for 25-26 - continue to review, assign volunteers, and budget;
- Siera discussed new website and Social Media presence she is making happen weekly.
 - WEBSITE LOOKS GREAT - CHANGING COLORS AND NEW LOGO POSSIBILITY...Siera to do options for us
 - Passed Motion to cap of 75\$ per event boost and via reimbursement.
- Events Upcoming - Reports & Budget by Each of the Coordinator's per their events:
 - Denise Santangelo -Chair
 - September Start: SpireBALL - Wiffle Ball League

- SEPTEMBER 11, 2025: Pizza & Prevention in the Park: Real Talk on Teens & Mental Health
- October 15, 2025: Movie Night - collab w/Playhouse?: A Beautiful Boy (2018) - Karen F and Denise S will meet to collaborate...waiting on date and time.
 - Sarah Lorenzini -
 - Brian Nash - will be stepping down due to work obligations/demands.
 - Karen Facini -
 - Kim Carone -
 - Siera Facini -
 - Tina Malhotra -
 - Bhargavi Ramamurthy -
 - Will Knispel (student liaison) -

1. New Business:

- COST FOR BOOSTING EVENTS: \$75 - DENISE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE - KAREN AND WILL APPROVED.

(Introduction and discussion of new items; Motions or action items as needed)

- Alisa T - CHAIR OF PRIDE - Sponsor suicide prevention week - PRESENTATION BY ALISA T.
 - Partnership with Ridgefield Pride - Effort to Hang “celebrate pride” signs for suicide prevention week - visibility saves lives - data shows. She drafted a press release that shows a graphic for this purpose - wants the endorsement of the prevention council. Banner at the town hall - the patch will do a feature article.
 - VOTE ON ALLOWING - LOGO AND RESOURCE ON THE PRESS RELEASE - Post on our social media the prevention week awareness - she’ll send media to us for this. We will hand out flyers at the pizza and prevention:
 - - motion to approve the partnership of Ridgefield - second - passes.
- SpireBALL: see above.
- New Idea/Event for September - Suicide Prevention Month - 2025: Pizza & Prevention in the Park: Real Talk on Teens & Mental Health:
 - See above.
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- Who can attend? RSVP - Western CT Coalition's Annual Meeting is on Thursday, September 11 from 11:30AM-1:30PM - RSVP in the email sent by Kim C. - no one in attendance at the meeting can attend due to mid-work day time...Sarah will be there possibly.

- For **JANUARY/FEBRUARY: Opioid/Perscription Drugs - Movie night: A Beautiful Boy (2018)** is raw, gut-wrenching, and essential viewing—especially for a parent-teen audience grappling with issues of addiction, relapse, and the relentless grip of love.
 - Tentative DATE: October 15, 2025
 - Collab w/The Playhouse...
- BATTLE OF THE BANDS - Spring 2026....will discuss later meetings.

2. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn
- Officially adjourned @ 7:12pm

Meeting ADJOUNRED 7:12