

Ridgefield Prevention Council Meeting
February 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

Members present: Kim Carone, Karen Facini, Lou Ann Daprato, Brian Nash, Sarah Lorenzini, Tina Malhotra, Deborah Hopke

1. Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the Ridgefield Prevention Council minutes from the January 2023 meeting. Louann 1st, Brian, 2nd. Motion passes; all in favor.
3. Treasurer Report: \$23,184.99
4. Reports/Discussion:
 - Bylaws- (vote needed)- Went over changes. 1st nomination to accept our new bylaws was made by LouAnn, 2nd by Karen, all were in favor, unanimously approved.
 - Vaping- HS Winner (vote needed)- Decided that the 1 entry with the most likes/votes will be the \$500 class winner. 1st motion by LouAnn, 2nd by Brian, all in favor unanimously approved
 - March- Meeting Date Change (vote needed): Will need to move our next meeting to March 16th due to our Gallo branding event will be that day. People interested in attending this meeting should email us at ridgefieldprevention@gmail.com for headcount purposes. 1st motion made by LouAnn, 2nd by Karen, all in favor, approved unanimously.
 - March- Gallo Event Update:
 - Event Plan- Evening will start at 6pm which will be passed hors d'oeuvres and drinks.
 - People Attending- LouAnn to send out a list of invited/attended to group.
 - Speakers- Brian to speak at the event.
 - Pamphlets- Kim to bring pamphlets, notepads & pens.
 - Goals- Kim to send out google share to the group.
 - Posters- print the winning middle school posters for the event (kim)
 - March- Gambling Update: Kim to drop off posters to Karen (S&S), Lou Ann (Laurel Ridge) and rec center/town hall. We decided to move forward with the 3 gambling stickers for planet pizza boxes. Kim to order for March kick off.
 - April- Positivity Update: Sarah to order business card positivity cards to distribute to local doctors, therapists, business locations, pharmacies, etc. Will also order bookmarks for Books on the Common and the library to distribute.
 - May- Prom: Brian to call on price for an ad in the Ridgefield Press regarding prom safety. Spoke about looking into seeing if a town alert can be sent out as well.
 - Website- Someone to take over and update: LouAnn up for the challenge. Kim to send her the WIX login info.
5. New Business:
 - Geo Fencing- Brian to get more info from Town Square.
 - Gizmo Book- Karen ordered the books, now we're just working on who will be the best partner (ACT, Playhouse, Library). Sara mentioned there is a stipend available for groups looking to use the book. She will send Karen the information to let ACT and the Playhouse know.
 - Narcan Training- The Ridgefield Library just asked for a session for their staff members. Might want to partner with them to host another event.
 - Developmental Assets Event- 3/23 at the library will need to be pushed back a few months.
 - Government funds coming out for opioid prevention. Sarah to send out info on what's expected to come. Look into how RPC can make use of these funds to be requested from the town/state.
 - 24 hour mental health assessment line in New Cannan. Would like to see if Ridgefield can be a test town. Brian to get info on how NC set up their system and if it's something we can do here.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kim Carone