

Ridgefield Prevention Council Meeting
January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

Members present: Kim Carone, Karen Facini, Lou Ann Daprato, Siera Fregosi, Sean McEvoy, Bhargavi Ramamurthy, Kathy Hanley, Brian Nash

1. Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made to approve the Ridgefield Prevention Council minutes from the November 2022 meeting. Karen 1st, Sean, 2nd. Motion passes; all in favor.
3. Treasurer Report: Treasurer's report was emailed on 1/19/23 balance is \$17,842.99
4. Reports/Discussion:

- Bylaws- no one readmoved to next month; Sean sent out the Bylaw from CERT please read
- **Vaping winners**
 - We want to thank you all for your submissions, and for all being patient with us over the New Year. We wanted to make sure that the judges saw everyone's work before they voted. There were so many talented artists who submitted posters that it was a hard decision to make.

The Ridgefield Prevention Council is pleased to announce that our RHS Art Department judges were unanimous in voting for the \$500 grand prize winner of **Amra K, 7th grader from SRMS**. The runner up from ERMS was **6th grader Aishani R** and the runner up from SRMS was **8th grader Catherine K**. Both Aishani and Catherine will receive \$200.

In addition, the Ridgefield Prevention Council also had some favorite posters that we'd like to have printed and therefore should be celebrated. We have decided that **6th grader Kelly F from ERMS** was our 1st winner (and will receive \$100), **8th grader Malina P** was our 2nd winner (and will receive \$75) and **8th grader Skye B from SRMS** was our 3rd winner (and will receive \$50).

Furthermore, we'd like all our student contributors to know we understand how hard they worked and would like to present each of you with a \$5 gift card.

We will arrange for all prizes to be distributed through each school's principal and we hope the principals will take a photo of the winning students with their posters. We'd also like to request that all our winners please bring your original work into your school so that we can have the best quality posters copies made to distribute around town

- Holiday stroll-observed there were a lot of young people..... gave out 500 breath analyzers, Have 500 left
- January is Mental Health month but since it is the 18th already we are kind behind the 8 ball.....we are looking into buying books for kids on expressing their feelingsgoing to give some to library, middle schools and Books on the Common. It is called Gizmo Initiative
- RHS Basketball Giveaway Update: We were turned down by Athletic Director for donating towels to the basketball game
- Branding: We are working on finalizing details on Community Dinner..... scheduled for Thur March 16th....inviting prominent people to help us spread the word about RPC
- March is Gambling Awareness Month.....we are printing posters and creating stickers to put on pizza boxes ...Kim emailed the stickers to all of us.
- April is Positivity monthSarah is running with thisGratitude Bookmarks,cards etc
- Planet Pizzano one seems to be taking advantage of our generous offer.....we are trying to get in touch with Jesse Lee Youth Groupto get suggestions about what we can do to reach youth I have emailed and called the Church.
- May and June we spoke about taking out a full page ad in the Ridgefield Press with a provocative title like, "Prom is a one night event not a weekend" Kim is taking the lead on this...

Respectfully submitted,
LouAnn Daprato