



Ridgefield Prevention Council Meeting

September 20, 2023

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."

Members present: Kim Carone, Karen Facini, Lou Ann Daprato, Sarah Lorenzini, Sean McEvoy, Carol Ann Sganga, Brian Nash, Debra Hopke

1. **Meeting called to order:** 5:05 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Karen Facini makes a motion to approve the Ridgefield Prevention Council minutes from the August 2023 meeting. Sarah Lorenzini seconds. Motion passes; all in favor.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Karen Facini reports that current funds total \$19,059.09.
4. **Reports/Discussion:**
 - a. **SOR Grant:**
 - i. Kim Carone reports that the October Community Breakfast is booked and that email invitations will be sent to local businesses this week. Sarah Lorenzini shared information about the WCTC Recovery Friendly Workplace (workplaces accepting of those in recovery). Businesses can receive training and designation as a Recovery Friendly Workplace. This information could be shared at the Community Breakfast.
 - ii. Kim reports that no one is interested in the free lockboxes offered by RPC (letters had been sent this summer). This will still count toward our grant requirements.
 - iii. Sarah has the latest kindness cards to distribute to local businesses.
 - iv. The movie is booked at The Ridgefield Playhouse. Need to follow up with the Playhouse about a flyer and why the movie is not listed as part of their Community Events.
 - v. Sarah held Narcan training at the Ridgefield Library today. There is interest in offering more sessions.
 - vi. Kim and Sarah shared the Deterra bags. Sean McEvoy will speak to Ed at Bissell Pharmacy to see if he would be willing to offer the bags to customers. Sarah will check how many bags RPC can get from the Connecticut Clearinghouse (either as a donation or paid for by RPC).

vii. Kim shared the Lock THC bags. RPC may offer them to local Vape Shops.

b. Recap:

i. Kim reports that the ice cream event at Deborah Ann's Sweet Shoppe was a huge success. Participant information (2 pages) was collected. Kids (from all different age groups) stayed and socialized. Deborah Ann's is looking forward to the next event. Sarah suggested putting together a poster with a QR code to ask youth about events they would like to see in the future.

ii. Kim reports that Siera Fregosi was the RPC representative at Safety Day this past weekend. Siera did a fantastic job at the event.

c. Prevention Corp:

i. Sarah shared that a job description has been created for a Prevention Coordinator for the town. Hoping for the position to be filled by the end of October.

d. September:

i. Brian Nash reports that everything is set for the Recovery Vigil tonight. He would like to move the event outside next year.

ii. Tiger Hollow banners are not planned.

e. October:

i. Family University flyers have been created and the event is posted on the RPC website. Information will be shared with the PTAs. RPC will be providing dinner and will be asking Planet Pizza or Genoa Deli to cater.

ii. Lou Ann Daprato reports that Drug Take Back Day will be held on October 27. Flyers have been created. RPC will look into possibly offering the Deterra bags.

iii. Bhargavi Ramamurthy and Debra Hopke have volunteered for this event.

5. **New Business:** Kim met with the Post Grad Party committee. The committee was very appreciative of the financial support from RPC and asked if RPC would like to be a partner going forward. Kim told them we would need to discuss it as a group. There is also a possibility that RPC could help find additional corporate sponsors. Kim would like everyone to think about this information for a discussion at a future meeting.

6. **Meeting adjourned:** 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann D. Sganga