

RIDGEFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL

Meeting held August 18, 2009

In attendance: Terry Budlong, Tim Hastings, AnneMarie Surfaro-Boehme, Katherine Grissom, Suzanne Brennan, Marita Bonanni, Karen Facini and Dylan Manderlink, Rudy Marconi

Guests: John Katz, Linda Caponetti, Meredith Towers, Ron Lovalvo and Linda Maher

Treasurer's Report

\$5,952.49 balance

Guests were introduced.

Marita Bonanni moved and Karen Facini seconded a motion to approve the minutes.

The slogan for RPC events "This should not be optional" was discussed. The council agreed this slogan was appropriate for our events.

We do not have the HVCASA grant monies available to date.

Rudy Marconi gave a report on RCCASA activities. The Steering Committee is trying to create new venues for teens at night. Rudy reported on the 5th grade TIPP Program and that there would also be 7th and 9th grade programs. Debbie Low has asked members of RCCASA and RPC to discuss substance abuse issues with the Board of Education at their meeting on September 14th at 7:30 p.m. Terry will represent the RPC to speak on its behalf but all members are encouraged to attend.

Guests from Parks and Recreation discussed creating new places for teens to hang out and possible events for teens to attend throughout the year. The RPC was asked for help and support of these activities.

RPC members discussed creating a small committee to organize and plan these "drug free fun" events each month. Tim Hastings, Katherine Grissom and Dylan Manderlink will be a part of this subcommittee.

Publicity for Family University was discussed and the different ways to advertise this event such as at the school open houses and PTSA newsletters.

RPC would like school principals to ask teachers to not assign homework the night of Family University so kids can attend.

Flyers for Family University will be distributed at Freshman Orientation Sept 1st, the New Comer meeting Aug 27th and at RHS, SRMS and ERMS Open Houses.

Registration for Family University is not on the RPC website yet.

There was discussion of who will work a RPC table at RHS Open House on September 10th. Terry Budlong mentioned getting Youth to Youth and other teens involved with Family University.

Mike Petrucelli has agreed to donate \$500 towards Ginger Katz's fee.

Family University leadership roles were discussed.

Ann Marie Surfaro-Boehme discussed submitting photos to the Ridgefield Press to promote Family University with the article.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dylan Manderlink