

RIDGEFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL

Meeting held January 20, 2009

Approved Minutes

In attendance: Terry Budlong, Karen Facini, Tim Hastings, Dylan Manderlink, Susan Dighton, Susan Leib, Anne Marie Surfaro-Boehme, Marita Michelin and Katherine Grissom

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Katherine Grissom, Substance Abuse Counselor and Marita Michelin, M.D., Danbury Hospital Emergency Room attended the meeting. Both are interested in contributing to the Council.

Sue Dighton made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2008. The motion was seconded by Tim Hastings and approved unanimously.

RCCASA Update – Some of the Steering Committee met with the RHS Student Union in December to discuss the Search Institute Survey Results. The meeting had a rough start, but participation improved and the meeting progressed.

There was discussion regarding who was responsible to put together the panel for the program with the Attorney General in May. Anne Marie Surfaro-Boehme thought Rudy Marconi was to do this. This needs to be confirmed if the RPC is going to properly promote the event.

Terry Budlong gave an update on the Student Leadership Conference to be held April 3, 2009, 3:30 – 10:30 p.m. for grades 6 –8. The schools/PTA have agreed to send out an email blast. We discussed the winner of “Battle of the Bands”, Insinu, playing for a dance following the conference. Titles for the conference were considered. Katherine Grissom suggested, “Kids Who Lead, SUCCEED”. Karen Facini suggested having an activity for parents during this time.

There was discussion on pulling together a program for February or March. Panel discussions were explored. It was suggested that we do a “Book Club” on the book The Perils of Privilege. This is a program RPC felt they could pull together quickly. Sue Leib will talk to the owner of Books on the Common about getting the books into the store. The Library will be contacted to secure space. An article will be written promoting the event. It was suggested that Katherine Grissom lead a discussion and Terry Budlong offered to assist her.

Sue Dighton discussed a “Save One” program for spring.

Dr. Michaud suggested a fair of sorts during this time where kids could hang out with ambulance personnel, police, etc. It could be called “Kids Cool to Not Use”. Sue Dighton will pursue this for the spring. The Enchanted Garden could be called upon to display their drumming groups or other dance troops that might be of interest. This may be helpful to the Boys and Girls Club in promoting its facility.

Dylan Manderlink discussed the new council she is on, the Housatonic Valley Teen Regional Prevention Council and the meeting she attended.

Family University will be held October 7, 2009. This has been confirmed.

Terry Budlong announced that RPC is mentioned in the Ridgefield Playhouse program.

Family University volunteers were noted in the paper.

Terry Budlong also announced she applied for a Town grant for next year.

Susan Leib discussed the RPC flash drive that will hold RPC documents and folders.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next RPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:15 p.m. in the Coalition Office

Respectfully submitted,

Dylan Manderlink, Secretary