

RIDGEFIELD PREVENTION COUNCIL

Meeting held March 17, 2009

Unrevised/Unapproved Minutes

In attendance: Terry Budlong, Dylan Manderlink, Petra Wynkoop, AnneMarie Surfaro-Boehme, Tim Hastings, Marita Michelin, Katherine Grissom, Susan Leib, Suzanne Brennan, Martha Shilstone and Marita Bonanni

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

There is \$9,375.23 in the RPC treasury.

Family University was discussed. Ginger Katz will be the keynote speaker, dinner will be optional and people attending will chose one workshop.

The proposed schedule for the Student Leadership Conference was discussed. Registration will be at 4:00 p.m. and the dance will be from 9-10 p.m.

Katherine Grissom gave an update on the Book Club. Four people have signed up in addition to Terry, Tim, Sue and Katherine.

Martha Shilstone was introduced. Martha is a Substance Abuse Counselor in Newtown.

HVCASA has asked two representatives from the RPC to attend a meeting on May 14th at the Ethan Allen Hotel from 5-8 p.m.

HVCASA is sponsoring a Parent Awareness Seminar on April 1st. There will be a reception from 6-7 p.m.

Terry Budlong reported that Rudy Marconi signed a letter she wrote to Safe Rides.

Karen Facini and Marita Bonanni are now members of the RPC.

The minutes of the January and February RPC meetings were approved.

There will be a “Now We’re Talking” show filmed on April 7th about the Search Institute Survey taken last spring at RHS. There will be a panel discussion by the RCCASA Steering Committee, including Sue Leib.

AnneMarie Surfaro-Boehme discussed the March 26th “Now We’re Talking” show about “Students Making a Difference”.

There will be a “Now We’re Talking” show on May 14th called “Ethics: Parents, Schools and Community.” There will be Town meeting after “Now We’re Talking”. Issues that will be discussed are underage drinking, social host, internet/facebook, proms, illegal drugs, driving violations, cell phones and texting.

The Board of Selectmen approved the RPC grant.

Sue Leib was thanked for her help with the RPC website – www.ridgefieldpreventioncouncil.org

The RPC made a donation to the Suicide Foundation for suicide prevention.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Rich Ligi Fund, which will be a scholarship for one person to attend the Youth to Youth Summer Conference in his name, should email Petra Wynkoop and indicate a donation of \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20. This would be greatly appreciated by Youth to Youth.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The next RPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:15 p.m. in the Coalition Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Dylan Manderlink, Secretary