

Ridgefield Prevention Council Minutes
January 30, 2024
7:00pm @ Town Hall Annex

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.”

Attendance: Kim Carone, Karen Facini, Sarah Lorenzini, Siera Fregosi, LouAnn Daprato, Debra Hopke, Brian Nash, Lynn Tidgwell, Brian Armstrong, Wayne Fogel, “The Grinch”

Call to Order: 7:12pm

Reports/Discussion:

Welcome Fathers Club (Brian, Wayne & The Grinch)

Approval of Minutes: December minutes – LouAnn 1st motion, Sarah 2nd, All in favor & passed.

Treasurer report: Karen Facini, \$14,096.66 in account.

Reports/Discussion:

- Fathers Club
 - Received an amazing donation of \$10,000
 - Spoke about our mission
 - Current roadblocks (schools, access, survey information)
 - Petition the community to get schools to do a survey
 - Put article in the paper for a need
 - Ways to partner in the future (events, publicity, share information)
 - Ideas and visions (playhouse events, zoom events, survey with prizes)
 - Peer to Peer Mentoring Program (Sarah to look into program in Redding)
 - Mental Health and 1st Aid Trainer
 - ASP Kid Leaders?
- Smarcomms Social Media Company – we will be holding off on moving forward with any media company until we establish what our goals are (students, adults, branding, search engine optimization, etc). Brian to bring in company for our next meeting.
- January – Postcards
 - Will not be moving forward until we have more details on what we will be sending out. Maybe future project.
- February – 40 Asset Event
 - Moving forward. Will continue to blast the information with the library, PTAs and social media. Kim to request donations for the event from NCL.
- Dettera Bags for Bissell
 - Will hold off on this until we receive details on how effective the last drop off event was.

New Business:

Whatsapp – Sarah will be setting up a RPC group. Please everyone download the app. It's the best way for everyone to communicate.

Holiday Dinner Date – We need to find a new date. It was decided to send out another Doodle for the month of March. Hopefully we can find a date all can attend.

February Meeting will be 2/28 (it was previously scheduled this way because of February break with the schools).

Adjourned: 8:43pm

**Respectively submitted,
Kim Carone**