



Ridgefield Prevention Council Minutes

April 30th, 2025

6:00 pm @ Spire Therapy

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, Denise Santangelo, Karen Facini, Will Knispel, Sarah Lorenzini, Conor

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 2, Kim & Karen made a motion, all in favor- Minutes approved. Still pending January minutes from Tina

Treasurer report: We have 20001 in our bank account.

Reports/Discussion:

- Senior Fair- Karen handed out our lock bags. They were very popular. Look into attending next year.
- Volunteer Fair- Kim handed out RPC goodies. Found some quality people. Handed info out to board members to help follow up with the people we met. Definitely attend next year.
- Screenagers Event follow up- We had about 30-35 people attend. Will need more from the Playhouse for future events (no follow up, no emails, no guest lists sent). Karen to follow up with Madison & Ashley to discuss. Denise to find a new movie to present in the fall (when we have a better turn out). Sarah suggested Dr. Gabor Mate as a speaker. Sarah to look into costs.
- 40 Developmental Asset Event Update/ Family University May 13th- We have about 8 people signed up. Still need the rest of the board to sign up. Will send Karen #'s closer to the event to organize Genoa food.
- Battle of the Bands Update- Still pending Playhouse to verify event/date/partnership. Decided on the following: limit to the 1st 10 bands to apply to play. Bands will be for school age (18 and under) but if a member of the band is older, that's ok. Will look into rules to organize the event. Will look to see if we can find an applause-o-meter. Would be great if we could have a sign outside Pamby by Stop & Shop. Could get lawn signs to post around town. Could ask Rudy to use the light up sign.
- Survey May/June- Denise to look at the questions we used in the past. She will come up with some fresh questions to send out
- RPC Website/ Social Media- Karen suggested we hire Siera (she's working on websites) as a side job. Karen will look into what the cost would be. Denise suggested using Spire's social media person for a few hours a week to work on our social. We could come up with a plan for what our goals are (post for 3 months and then explain where we want to be, possible videos). Denise to find out costs and what will be provided. Will suggested looking into specific service based clubs at the high school to help us next year (Key Club, NHS, NCL, Lions Heart)
- Roles for 2025-26 (starting June 1st)- Karen to stay on as Treasurer. Denise to take over for Kim for chair. Kim to sit down with Denise to go over things when the transition happens. Spoke about

members who aren't attending meetings, who aren't working on events and haven't been contributing. We will be asking them to step aside so we can recruit people who have time to assist with RPC more.

- Spoke about RHS giveaways for midterms again. Will suggested softer balls (like the basketballs).

New Business:

Vigil- The cost for this event last year was over \$5,000. The cost for the increased tent size and chairs will cost \$4200 alone (without permits, awards, food, entertainment, etc). The board would like Brian to submit a plan on how the cost of this event will be supported (sponsors, donations, etc). Until that happens and funds start to come in, we can't move forward with this event happening in Ballard Park. We could always revisit the Ridgefield Library or even the Playhouse to have this event (both much less expensive than renting a tent and chairs).

Wiffle Ball- Denise is still pending the Boys and Girls club to get back to her regarding space. Suggested she contact people on the B&G Club board to get their ear.

Communication- We would like our board members to please respond to emails. It's hard to know if what we're sending out is being read.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:47pm

Respectfully Submitted by Kim Carone