



Fairfield Cares Community Coalition

Draft Minutes - May 16, 2018

Opening and introductions: the meeting was opened at 8:35 by Cristin McCarthy Vahey who asked all to introduce themselves.

Present: Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Bernadette Coppola, Katy Rosenfeld, Reini Knorr, Wendy Bentivegna, Melissa Squeo, Terry Giegengack, Jennifer Jacobsen, Ally Kernan, Karin Shaughnessy, Santina Jaronko, Philip Dwyer, Ellen Brezovsky, Michiko Kim and Maureen Janda.

March meeting minutes - approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Coppola said that there is still money left to be spent by June 30th. There is still money for the School Partnerships. The Whiffle Ball Tournament has used \$500.00. For the LPC Grant, Lorie Mediate has more purchase orders coming in for the school partnerships. Looking for ideas for spending the remainder and to try and diversify. Wendy Bentivegna suggested that people who work events should wear a Fairfield Cares t-shirt.

Committee Updates: Phil Dwyer said that there are grant opportunities for commission officers. May apply for \$5000 which may help with #LifeNotWasted. Jennifer Jacobsen said that the leadership meeting last week was the last one for the year and there was brainstorming for next year. Reini Knorr said that the Roger Ludlowe H.S. and Andrew Warde H.S. events were today and representatives from Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University were there; Stephen Hill spoke at a seminar, All American Addict; Narcan training on Thursday; mock crash at Andrew Warde H.S. on Monday; prom flyers have gone out; Whiffle Ball Tournament on June 9th.

Coalition Events: Whiffle Ball Tournament update. Jennifer Jacobsen said that the bases have arrived. There will be t-shirts for 4 teams. Jennifer Jacobsen will purchase bats and balls. Will need volunteers and the rain date is Sunday, June 10th.

CSC Update: Jennifer Jacobsen said that a large majority have been completed and brought to the leadership meeting last week. Do a parents' survey next year and develop middle school programs and partner with Parks & Recreation, the YMCA and Wakeman's. Michiko Kim (Rite Aid) offered space in Rite Aid's parking lot saying that FCCC's can set up a tent for the sidewalk sale. Terry Giegengack said

that October 2nd is the mental health breakfast and it would be a nice opportunity to present an outline of Fairfield Cares.

Presentation: Ally Kernan spoke to the coalition regarding Teen Alternative Peer Group/SMART Recovery Teen Group. Ally said that she was a 2010 graduate of Andrew Warde High School. She explained that Speedy Recovery is a program with a support group which meets every Friday at First Congregational Church. The ages are 14-30 year-olds.

Vote on Slate of Officers: Amanda Romaniello and Chief Gary MacNamara as co-chairmen; Bernadette Coppola as treasurer; Secretary is open; Program committee as Katy Rosenfeld; Resources as Phil Dwyer. Motion to accept by Jennifer Jacobsen; seconded by Wendy Bentivegna; all in favor.

Coalition Updates: Reini Knorr said that the banner for the Suicide Out of The Dark walk in October. There is a MADD walk in September will be up. The social media posts for the proms will be put on the TV's. Wendy Bentivegna said if the LPC money is not spent by June, can be carried over for next year. Money can be spent on coalition t-shirts. Jennifer Jacobsen said the brochures are getting low and 500 more are needed. Terry Giegengack said that she is retiring on June 30th. Christin McCarthy Vahey said that October 27th is the Out of the Darkness walk. Christin also said that legislation has passed a law that e-cigarettes are to be sold behind the counter, but they were not successful in raising the tobacco age to 21.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next Coalition meeting: June 20, 2018 at Bigelow Center for Senior Activities at 8:30 a.m.