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MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Greg Caron, Carol Cirienco, Kathy Cucchiarella, Sandra Elezaj, and Patty Otis. Vinny D'Agnes, Christine MacDonald, Lauren McDonald-Carway, and Keeva Young-Wright were absent.

Guest Partners present included: Somers High and Middle School Principals Mark Bayer and Jeff Getman.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mrs. Cirienco to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Project – Mrs. Schirmer received a call today from Steve Chester of Signs Ink. They have removed the interior of the sign and will provide new tracking, letters, aluminum, name band, plexi glass, as well as an arm insert for opening the sign. Eagle Scout Will Walsh will be fundraising for these improvements. He will also be planting around the sign when the weather warms up.

24/7 Crisis Hotline Phone Number – All are researching 24/7 crisis hot line phone numbers that might work for Somers. The flyer that Mrs. MacDonald is working on will be finalized once a number with a “live” person at the receiving end can be determined.

Somers Partners in Prevention Postcard – At the last meeting, Mrs. McDonald-Carway suggested having a Somers Partners in Prevention Postcard printed that includes the Partners in Prevention logo, MedReturn Drug Prescription Box information and 24/7 Crisis Hotline Phone Number that can be used as a handout at events, displayed at local pharmacies and inserted as an advertisement in The Somers Record. She contacted Accel Printing in Mount Kisco for prices. Mrs. McDonald-Carway will also come up with a design for the postcard.

Chris Herren Program – The Somers Partners in Prevention contributed \$500 and partnered with SHS PTSA, SHS, Somers PTA Council, East Coast Panthers, and NY Extreme Hoops to bring a program to Somers presented by Chris Herren on April 5. He was a high school basketball legend and realized his lifelong dream of playing in the NBA only to lose it all to drug addiction. His decline began with alcohol use and ended with heroin. Today, Mr. Herren travels around the country to share his story and educate people about the devastation of drug use. His program includes a video, presentation and Q & A. In the morning, 1,100 Somers High School students will hear the program, followed by 580 seventh and eighth grade Somers Middle School students, and in the evening, parents and the community at large will be invited to attend the presentation in the Somers High School auditorium. The Partners will have an informational table.

2nd Annual Community Coffee and Conversation – The 2nd Annual Community Coffee and Conversation will be held on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Middle School Library. Mrs. Ciriaco, Ms. D’Agostino and Mrs. MacDonald worked on the invitations. Two different invitations were sent out today, one to those who attended last year and the other to those invited last year, but didn’t attend or respond. Senator Terrence Murphy and Drug Crisis in Our Backyard will be the guest speakers. Mrs. Ciriaco offered to take care of refreshments; and Mr. D’Agnese and Mrs. McDonald-Carway will assist Mrs. Cucchiarella with the Power Point presentation. Mrs. Schirmer will send press releases, create a program and handle check-in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Save a Life – The Yorktown Alliance for Safe Kids will be sponsoring their 6th annual Save a Life event at the Lakeland High School from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. All are encouraged to attend if possible.

Blackout Wednesday – Mrs. Cucchiarella shared a flyer she came across about Blackout Wednesday, which is the day before Thanksgiving and thought it would be a good publication for the Partners to distribute. She urges all to be on the lookout for this type of publicity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The Partners will meet again on May 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Town House Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Partners in Prevention

cc: Partners in Prevention
Town Board
Town Clerk