

PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

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MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Bob Berman, Kathy Cucchiarella, Christine MacDonald, and Patty Otis.

Carol Cirienco was absent.

Guest Partners present included: Somers High School Assistance Counselor Aisling Baynes.

Ms. Baynes announced that starting in the fall, she will be at the Somers High School on a full-time basis. All were thrilled with the news.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. MacDonald to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting as submitted. Mr. Berman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future Speakers Update – Mrs. Cucchiarella would like all members to keep their eyes and ears open for future speakers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Somers Community Council – Town Supervisor Rick Morrissey hosted the first Somers Community Council on June 5th in the Heritage Hills Activities Center. Mrs. Cucchiarella represented the Partners. There were between 20 and 25 community members in attendance. The mission of the Council was reviewed and a sharing of what is going on in the community took place. Somers Police Chief Driscoll spoke about domestic violence; Somers Central School District Superintendent Blanch mentioned their No Place for Hate campaign; Somers Partners in Prevention Chairman Cucchiarella talked about what the Partners are doing; Drug Crisis in Our Backyard Co-Founder Carol Christiansen gave an overview of their organization, as well as the opioid

crisis; Gary Forbes of the Somers Lions Club Angels presented how they assist at risk families and their financial needs; and there was mention of the food pantry at St. Luke's Church. Another meeting will be held in 6 months.

Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers Event – The Somers Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Somers event is generally held in September. Mrs. Schirmer will research the date further and register the Partners for an informational table.

Marketing Materials – New marketing materials are needed. Donated money from the Somers Leos is available and a grant can be applied for through the Somers Education Foundation. Mrs. Cucchiarella would like all members to research local vendors for items that can be purchased advertising the Partners, which can be used for outreach purposes at such events like Celebrate Somers.

Town TV Channel Character Generator Advertising – Currently the Partners logo is on the Town TV channel's character generator. The information should be updated. Mrs. Cucchiarella welcomes any member that would be interested in taking on this task.

Partnering on Prescription Take Back Days – Mrs. Cucchiarella thinks it would be a good idea to partner on sponsoring Prescription Take Back Days quarterly. Perhaps Mrs. Young-Wright can coordinate an event with the Northern Westchester Hospital.

Narcan Training Medication Expiration – In 2016, Mrs. Cucchiarella participated in a Narcan Training session and the medication she received is now expired. She contacted Westchester County's Department of Health Patrick Quinn about getting new medication. He said that the County is not issuing any replacement medication and that individuals would have to pay for the replacement of Narcan. Their insurance should reimburse them, if not, the County might be able to help. Mrs. Cucchiarella will call her insurance company to see if insurance companies will reimburse for something like this. Unfortunately, this entire process might deter people from taking this class. An update will be given at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The Partners will meet again on July 24th 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