

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Carol Ciriaco, Mike Driscoll, Patricia Otis, and Caroline Shenefield-Angiello.

Guests present included: Angelo Carino, Somers High School Guidance Counselor; Kathleen Cristiano, Westchester County Police School Resource Officer (Somers Intermediate and Middle Schools); Kathy Cucchiarella, President PTA Council; Jeff Getman, Principal Somers Middle School; Kristen Rigaglia, Somers Middle and High Schools Student Assistance Counselor and Lydia Whitney, Somers High School Student Assistance Counselor.

Councilman Ciriaco was also present.

Although there hasn't been a quorum over the last couple of months, the meetings were still held and lots of ideas were shared.

Minutes – A motion was made by Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello and seconded by Mrs. Ciriaco to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

Announcements – Last week, Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello attended a conference in Washington DC involving all substance abuse coalitions that receive federal money. About 5,000 coalitions were represented. She has lots of literature to share with anyone who is interested.

Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello met with representatives of the Somers Education Foundation yesterday and she is hopeful that they would be willing to co-sponsor programs with the Council.

As discussed at the meeting last month, Mrs. Schirmer has sent the Town Supervisor's office a blurb to advertise the need for additional Council members. Somers High School Principal Mark Bayer agreed to send it as part of his parent newsletter. Mr. Getman said he will do so as well and will speak to the Principals of both the Intermediate and Primrose Schools to see if they would do the same.

Somers Town Judge Timone will attend the March Council meeting at the request of Mrs. Schirmer.

Tomorrow Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello will be meeting with Mr. Bayer tomorrow.

At the end of January, Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello attended the Somers School District Whole Child meeting. The next is scheduled for May.

Mrs. Rigaglia and some students are working on planning something for the day after the prom at the NY Sports Club.

On April 29, there will be a drug forum on opiate and heroin use and abuse at the Chappaqua Library at 6:15 p.m. Some of the Council members plan to attend.

Police Chief Driscoll attended a NYS Department of Health workshop on how to administer Narcan (an injection to stop an opiate overdose) in Carmel. The Somers Ambulance service uses Narcan and it is his hope to expand that to include the Somers State and Town Police. Between 2007 and 2012, Narcan was used 63 times in Somers.

Mrs. Shenefield-Angiello spoke to Somers School District Superintendent Ray Blanch regarding assistance needed to help spread the word about the social host law, good Samaritan law, and signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning. Mrs. Cristiano said that the Westchester County District Attorney's office has attorneys that will make presentations free of charge about the aforementioned two laws. Mrs. Rigaglia said that all of these topics are covered via various venues in 7th and 12th grades.

Council Sub Committees – The Sub Committees met and the following was reported:

Law Enforcement – efforts will be made to arrange for Narcan training; advertising of the Prescription Take Back program will continue – 60 lbs. of pills were collected in January; and they would like to place wrecked car on the lawn of the Somers High School before prom time.

Parent/Youth Outreach – the Council will be present and provide materials at some upcoming programs at both the Middle and High Schools; arrangements will be made to have a sober photo booth at the prom and alcohol poisoning cards will be placed on the table settings; they hope to bring a drunk driving simulator to the High School for demonstration purposes during April, which is Alcohol Awareness month; and efforts will be made to co-sponsor programs

between the schools and the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Town House.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Substance Abuse Council

cc: Substance Abuse Council
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