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January Meeting Detail Summary

January 25, 2024

Call to Order

Recording of Meeting Announcement

Location: 136 Center St. Wallingford, CT 06492

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

1. The meetings will now be quarterly.
2. Website updates are progressing and Coalition new phone # 475-301-7634.
3. December Events
 - Creative Art Program/Jr.-Elementary Art Group
(No change to report)
 - Groups (Mom Meetup/Cancer Group)
(No change to report)
 - Lunch waves at High Schools
(Going well; a lot more participation from kids)
 - Sheehan Arts/Coalition Collaboration
(The ARTS program is coming along. We are working with the children to mentor/foster good decision-making and teaching them about empathy)
 - Festival of Trees (results and thank you) Christina, Karen, Mary, Mike, Daniel, Raphael, Jarred, Nicolina, Lina, Brendon
(This event was a success despite the weather. We had approximately 1000 people come through and raised approximately \$5200.00 after all expenses)
 - Approval of venue for “Family Community Day 2024”
(This event will be held at Zion Lutheran Church located at 235 Pond Hill Rd. Wallingford, CT on August 17, 2024, we will be sending out updates as the event draws closer)
 - Girl Scouts – thank you for sponsoring a family in need.
(For Christmas 2023, the Juniors Girl Scout Troop # 60245 assisted the Coalition with sponsoring a family in need. Collectively we were able to

- provide the family with clothes, food, toiletries, toys, coats, and money to make their Christmas special.)
- Acknowledge apology to Police Dept.
An apology was given to the Wallingford Police Chief for the negative comments that were made pertaining to the police department. Chief John Ventura has graciously accepted our apology.
4. Review of APRA programs
- We received the ARPA Grant.
 - Narcan Initiative
 - Alcohol Prevention Initiative
 - Parent Education Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative
 - Continuing Teen Substance Abuse Prevention focusing on vaping, alcohol, and marijuana use.
(The Coalition received the ARPA funds in the sum of \$50,000.00 and we have hit the ground running with “The Coalition for a Better Wallingford’s Prevention Initiative”. We have 4 Narcan Training Classes scheduled and we are working with YSS to develop Parent Education Substance Abuse Prevention Training among other programming. We have already ordered and received our first supply of Narcan to distribute after the scheduled classes.)
5. Treasury Report – 2023
(The year started with \$13,995 cash on hand. Grants, contributions and Life is Good sales generated \$119,173 in income. Operational and program expenses totaled \$119,755. The year ended with \$13,413 cash on hand.)
6. Miles for Mental Health run, coming soon!
- We are happy to be part of this great event again this year. A meeting is set for March 20, 2024. More details will follow.
7. Upcoming Community Events/Volunteer Needs
- Still need a minute recorder for quarterly meetings
8. Town Updates/Legislation Updates
(BOE – In addition to our current member Raj Doering, Melanie Rossacci & Caroline Raynis will be joining the Coalition, representing BOE! Raj also reports that the BOE has passed their budget for 2024 and you can find it on the BOE website.)