

Coalition Meeting Minutes June 29, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Rob Newton at 6:34pm

Minutes were recapped by Rob Newton from the May 25th meeting. There was one error and that was identified by Diane the time of adjournment should read 7:30 pm. Jen Short approved said minutes and Christina Barber accepted them with correction notated.

Diane welcomed all new members.

Rob reviewed the June Events that had taken place and their success: YMCA Kids Day, Ken's Rotary Award, Miles for Mental Health, Wallingford Wing Fest.

Garden Markets: Due to inclement weather the last 2 have not occurred. Rain Dates underway. Looking for volunteers for all of July. Natalie advised a craft table would happen at 1 of the events for the children to participate in date to be determined.

Narcan Initiative/ Grants: Next Narcan training there is hopes to do a hands only CPR in addition to the Narcan Training. Date TBD. Natalie is looking for a volunteer to oversee relationships and activities at the Sr Center. Questions were lifted from the public around the SOR and LPC Grant that Natalie mentioned and asked what they are and how do we execute deliverables, Natalie and Jen explained. (Seminars, bulletin boards, etc.)

LIG Store: Dianne and Natalie are working to reduce current merchandise and their hopes are to replenish stock for Q3. Dianne has no intention of removing the LIG relationship currently.

Website: Rob advised he and Dianne are working to refresh and reset the site – work in progress

Parent's Groups: Natalie shared the current parent's groups the Coalition is working on: Mom Meetup Fri 12-2 no date at this time secured for when it will happen monthly, Father Group for spouses dealing with Cancer Date: TBA, Hope and Support every Monday and Grief Support 1st Monday of the Month.

The Summer Creative Program was reviewed by Natalie – advertisement underway and sponsors such as Mr. D's and others are stepping up to assist in execution. Looking ahead to see this be a positive attribute for the young adults in the community.

What's In the Bag? – Natalie reviewed the status of this Coalition Traditional event. The event this year is a collaboration with the Health Dept. and other Wallingford Organizations. Over 40 tables for the guest to attend and fill their "bag" with various activities / goods. Location: Quinnipiac Linear Trail, August 12, 2023. Participants to be on the lookout for: Stella the Starfish, Mention Prevention, Heart Association, Library to name a few.

Town Updates: School: Tony Loomis resigned, and we have yet to see the survey results anticipate getting soon. YSS- Diversion Program underway, 30+ kids for Workforce Alliance, Soul Friends happening 6-week session Wed. 11-12 at Park and Rec. No updates on Legislature – Mary Mushinsky not present

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm