**D.A.Y. Council Meeting**

**September 8, 2015**

**Minutes**

Attending: Lyne Landry, Karol Regan, Sue Kruczek, Kirsty Smith, Danielle Ott, David Melillo, Lisa Ott, Peter Palumbo, Bo Huhn, Jane Marchand and Dana Hilmer

**Halloween Window Painting –(Saturday, Oct 17 – 10:00-Noon) AND Halloween Spooktacular (Sunday, October 25 – 2:00-4:00)**

* Danielle inquiring with video and newspaper club to photograph and videotape the events.
* Student Leaders: Would like student volunteers to help and to meet business leaders. And for Spooktacular we’d like student volunteers to help decorate a D.A.Y. vehicle for trunk or treat and to give away D.A.Y. promotional items at the event.
* The flyer for each event was handed out. It’s attached for easy distribution. Please spread the word!

**Guilford’s Got Talent (NEW DATE: Sunday, Oct. 18, 1:00-3:00)**

* Need to spread word thru social media.
* New flyers handed out. A digital flyer is attached for ease of distribution. Please spread the word!
* Danielle shared idea of having youth do photography and videotape the event. She will inquire with video and newspaper club at school.

**P&Z Meeting on Sept 16** – Issue: Zoning for possible marijuana dispensary

* **Meeting Request:** Have 5 or 6 adults attend meeting AND a few youth leaders. So far Bo, Peter, Lyne, Lisa and Sarah Verasco are attending. Lisa will be rallying a 2 or 3 student leaders to attend. The meeting will take place at 7:30, 2nd floor, Community Center.
* **Letter request:** We’d like to ask that 5 or more (ideally more) people write a letter addressing the issue of zoning for a marijuana dispensary in Guilford. Here are the key elements to consider including in your letter: 1) Thank you for considering zoning regulations for possible medical marijuana facilities now. 2) I/We really care about this public health matter and the impact it will have on our children, families and community. 3) Please either vote the current draft down OR send it back to the sub-committee to allow time for further discussion and to consider other options more fully.

**Back to School nights:**

**This write up is updated to reflect the status as of Thursday, Sept. 10.**

So far we are a "go" for both Adams (on 9/21 and 9/24) and GHS (on 10/8). We are still waiting to hear feedback for Baldwin.

1. **Adams:** We will need 3 D.A.Y. Representatives for each of the 2 evenings and Catherine has given us 1-2 minutes to address the audience. We'll need to keep it brief.

* 9/21 – 7th grade – 7:00pm: Peter, David and Dana
* 9/24 – 8th grade – 7:00pm: Peter, Sue K. and Lisa
* Lisa trying to secure student leaders to speak at event
* **GHS** – 10/8 – 6:30pm- Rick has given us 5 minutes to address the audience. The evening begins at 6:30 on 10/8.
* Peter and I are both available. Lisa also checking into availability of a GHS grad to speak.
* **Baldwin** (9/16 and 9/17) – 7:00pm
* Have not yet heard back so don't know if there will be a speaking opportunity. At the very least we can hand out Safe Homes/Smart Parties flyers.

If we can speak…

9/16 – Karol and student leader (tbd)

9/17 – Bo and student leader (tbd)

**Other Back to School Night Logistics:**

* Updated Safe Homes/Smart Parties flyers are being produced and will be in hand next Tuesday, in time for Baldwin evenings
* Talking Points: Lisa drafting basic “script” for each B2S night with key talking points. Key issues discussed are the need to inform parents of the alcohol and drug challenges right here in our community, that addiction does not discriminate (it’s an issue for all kids) and the good news - that substance-free kids are in the majority.
* Handing out Safe Homes/Smart Homes flyers to all attendees at Adams and GHS back to school nights. At Baldwin we will plan to have Safe Homes Pledges on table for those who are interested.

**Drug Take Back Day (Sept 5th, 10:00-1:00, Guilford Police Station)**

* Guilford D.A.Y., in collaboration with Sean Scanlon and the Guilford Police hosted Prescription Drug Take Back Day to promote the drop box at the Police station where people can properly discard unused, unwanted and old medications. Approx. 30 people attended and over 60 pounds of medications were dropped off. We also secured press coverage in the New Haven Register, Shoreline Times and Guilford Patch.

**Youth to Youth (Y2Y) Training – Sunday, Sept. 27 – 10:30-3:00, RHAM High School in Hebron**

* Interested so far: Jane and Andre. Lisa sharing with more youth to see if we can get more kids to attend.
* Lisa will provide names of attending youth to Dana who will then handle registration details.

**Community Values Youth Initiative – Early Dismissal Events**

* 10/28 – Fall Festival – fun outdoor activities and pie throwing contest. Danielle to talk to administrators about possible teacher participation.
* 2/24: Winter festival
* 5/25: Battle of the Bands and dunk tank.

More details to come…