**Minutes of TNP Marijuana Committee Meeting – 10/7/21**

Present: Nina, Diamond, Ginger, Diana, Pete, Laila, Margaret

1. Follow-up on old business
   1. Alateen: On Oct 28th Pete will present at NHS about it and start the group the week after. Open Alateen meeting on 19th
      * ACTION: Pete will send flyer.
   2. NCC presentation and/or capstone project? Wendy was not present to update.
      * ACTION: Laila or Margaret will check in at NCC’s CART meeting next week.
   3. NCC Fresh Check Day October 14th
      * ACTION: TNP will have a booth 10:30-2:30. Laila & Margaret can set up / participate. Diamond can attend 12:30-2:30.
   4. Signage & Common Council presentation
      * Margaret walked through the presentation to Common Council & recommendations for City. Find it at <https://www.thenorwalkpartnership.org/presentations>
      * Ginger commented that Council overall supports marijuana sales
      * Westport has now banned (temporarily) marijuana sales
      * Diana recommends following up now with Nick (chair) but also after elections with new Council members. Key players: Barbara, Greg Barnett. Nick is not running again.
      * ACTION: Margaret to follow up with Nick.
   5. Billboards alert: Nina, Ginger & Margaret posted a complaint to the AG’s office about Lamar’s billboard in Bridgeport.
      * ACTION: Margaret will re-send last week’s info & the accompanying photo that should be uploaded if you file a complaint
   6. Supporting police on social media:
      * TNP posts on social media whenever the police do something to support prevention. We will now be notifying the committee when we do this, as earlier this week.
      * Please reshare these messages to your networks and tag the police and thank them. This shows community support for police work and also helps raise visibility of TNP.
2. Focus for this fall in relation to the workplan strategies discussed last meeting:
   1. **getting resources together** (social media messages & infographics & identifying preferred speakers/films)
      * Ginger spoke to 400+ kids & about 25 teachers on Ian’s story about marijuana at Roton and NHMS – scheduled for Ponus
      * Nina
      * Ginger will do Courageous Parenting 101
   2. **putting together a Freshman Forum** & then hold series of follow-up presentations for the spring
      * Nina can attend the Danbury one
   3. **getting partnerships organized:** 
      * parents/PTOs (e.g., bag checks)
        1. Diamond, Margaret
        2. **ACTION**: Ginger can add TNP slides to the presentation
      * youth (teen interns to organize group)
        1. Diamond, Margaret, Laila, Pete
        2. Pete & Ed recommended Grace Galeano
        3. **ACTION: Tory needs the Need Help and job posting in Spanish in order to post**
      * retailers (environmental scan);
        1. ??NCC??
      * law enforcement (signage, patrols)
        1. HSC has NPD members on the Board (Tom Roncinske, Sue Zecca) – Anthony & Diamond
        2. ACTION: Diamond & Jasmine to reach out to Sue to attend next committee meeting
      * common council (signage, park designation)
        1. Diana, Margaret
   4. Partner commitment to support LGBTQ community & student mental health
      * Ginger can do it in January
      * Pete can do the next one
      * SEND FLYER: QPR on 21st from 6pm-7:30pm
3. Review infographics & messaging
   1. ACTION: Homework for next time – send stuff to think about for next time