

**TOWN OF GRANBY
GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 7, 2014**

PRESENT: Pastor Al Royal; Chairman, Kathy Sutton, Kerry Kielbasa, Aaron DeLaRoche, Captain William Tyler, Christopher Poehnert, Jeffrey Rackliff, AnneMarie Cox, Holly Johnson, & Pat Law

ABSENT: Wende Cooper, Barbara Kei, Stephen Kei, James Veirs, David Tolli, Jean Keating, Jennifer Kertanis,

Chairman Pastor Al Royal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

Lori Blackburn was in attendance

MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Anne Marie Cox, seconded by Aaron DeLaroche, the council approved the minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting with the following change: "Are You Smarter than a Granby Student" fundraiser – the GPC is **NOT** interested in partnering with YSB for this fundraiser. (Unanimous)

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA

Nothing Pending

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Governance:

No Report

Events:

No Report

Marketing

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor Al Royal wanted clarification regarding the comment: "they (kids) said they feel there is nothing that can be done to stop the risky behaviors" from the previous minutes (Focus Group). AnneMarie Cox summarized the conversation from the March 3rd meeting.

"Ted Talks" – AnneMarie Cox wants to get started putting together some videos. Pastor Al Royal asked what topics will be covered. Some topics would include: "Resources for Parents", "The Signs your child may be using drugs". Jeffrey Rackliff said the "Ted Talks" are a good idea because it's easy and a quick hit item.

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Pat Law said that some of the HS students already do some Public Service Announcements and that maybe the GPC could get some ideas for video topics.

AnneMarie Cox commented on the PACT 360 meeting that was held on March 27 at the High School. It was open to MS/HS students and their families. The meeting went over how to talk to their children on a regular basis. AnneMarie said that of the parent's that were there, only ½ raised their hands when asked if they talked to their kids on a regular basis.

Aaron DeLaRoche commented on the televisions commercials that are airing and that most contain questionable content.

Pat Law asked how do we, as a committee, help people to know how to increase their assets.

Action item from November meeting – Pastor Al Royal wants to “hone in” on the GPC focus.

Kathy Sutton thinks the GPC needs to develop a strategic plan. Pat Law agreed. What's our purpose? What is the GPC going to bring to the table that's different from, let's say, the high school? Kerry Kielbasa asked Kathy Sutton what she thought the plan should be. Pastor Al Royal asked Kathy Sutton and Pat Law if they would be willing to work up a strategic plan. Kerry Kielbasa said that where the problem lies is once a strategic plan is developed, the group doesn't have enough individual ownership of the tasks.

Pastor Al Royal raised a motion, seconded by AnneMarie Cox that they next meeting will be focused on the Strategic Plan. Unanimous.

Jeffrey Rackliff gave a brief explanation of his “Zombie Run” idea.

Pastor Al Royal raised a motion, seconded by AnneMarie Cox to hold the “Zombie Run” in the fall. Unanimous. A discussion ensued regarding possible dates to avoid due to Homecoming and other high school events.

Pastor Al Royal raised a motion, seconded by AnneMarie Cox; Pastor Al would like to know the topics that came up from the youth Focus Groups. Pastor Al will contact Michael Garcia. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Granby Road Race is on May 3rd. AnneMarie Cox said that she is organizing a “resource fair” at the finish line. If anyone would like to participate, you just need to bring your own table and tent.

Saturday, June 21st is the “Bear Run” 5K sponsored by the Athletic Boosters.

Pastor Al said he spoke with Jim Veirs and he (Jim) would be willing to be a General Coalition since he cannot run another term. Pastor Al asked the group what they thought and their comments were that that has always been the main purpose of the GPC – General Coalition.

Bob Anastas (founder of SADD) – debrief – only 2 parents and 1 student attended the meeting. A discussion ensued regarding how to get families to participate in the meetings. Pastor Al said that no matter the issue parents need to be on board or the chances of being successful diminish greatly.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Pastor Al Royal and seconded by Pat Law, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11p.m. (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Shinder
Recording Secretary