

**Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020
Monument Hall Main Meeting Room
Minutes – approved February 4, 2021**

Open Meeting – Notice of this meeting was published on the municipal website.

Attendance:

- Gary De Blasio (Alliance Coordinator)
- Hector Capeilleres (CHSB – PDS)
- Madeline Chia (CHSB – PDS)
- Susan Conlon (Princeton Public Library)
- Sgt. Tom Lagomarsino (Princeton Police)
- Tracy Kindelsperger (Corner House staff)
- Nikema Missouri (Stuart)
- Michelle Simborski (Princeton Public Schools)
- Alison Tarbotton (CHSB – Stuart)
- Jean Woodman (Corner House staff)

- I. Call to order: Gary De Blasio, Alliance Coordinator
 - a. Reorganization – postponed due to lack of a quorum. A number of Alliance members could not attend due to school programs following the January 6 riot at the US Capitol.
- II. Introductions and welcome to guests
 - a. All present introduced themselves and their role.
 - b. Approval of the minutes of the November 5 and December 3, 2020 meetings was postponed until the next meeting.
- III. School Representatives:
 - a. Princeton Public Schools – Diana Lygas and Michelle Simborski – Princeton High scheduled several fun programs during December to help students relax and enjoy the season events. Josh Lozan’s magic show attracted a diverse crowd. January’s schedule includes Trivia Tuesdays, PHS Minecraft, and online chess (<http://lichess.org>). Michelle has scheduled classes on college, health insurance, college dating and relationship development, and substance use. Alliance members advised that Det. Sgt. Flanders at Princeton University and the McCosh SHARE program can be helpful resources.
 - b. Stuart Country Day School – Nikema Missouri – Today was the first day back to school for students following winter break. Staff invited students to share feelings about yesterday’s events at the Capitol.
- IV. Princeton Public Library – Susan Conlon – The library is open with reduced hours. Curbside pickup is available at the back door. They are organizing an online chess tournament. They have found that one-time programs are working well, but getting consistent attendance for a series has been a challenge. The Teen Advisory Board’s “Keeping Tabs” podcast is doing well. The “TBD” (To Be Discussed) group is also popular.
- V. Princeton University
 - a. Eating Club Representatives – no representative available.
 - b. Campus Life – no representative available.

- VI. Princeton Council Liaison and Law Enforcement
 - a. Princeton Council – no representative available.
 - b. Police – Sgt. Tom Lagomarsino
 - i. The police have received a number of inquiries about the legalization of marijuana. People have the misperception that marijuana is now legal; in reality, passage of the constitutional amendment has not changed the laws yet. Gary suggested the police and Corner House Student Board work together to create some posts to help clear up misunderstandings.
 - ii. Arrest rates are lower than normal. Alcohol-related crimes such as DUI are down due to early closures of bars and restaurants during the pandemic.
- VII. Student Leadership Programs – Corner House Student Board
 - a. Hector Capeilleres – The TikTok event has been postponed until spring. John Morello will premiere an online version of his one-person show this Tuesday, January 11. John’s past work with our leadership students has been well-received.
 - b. Madeline Chia – Students are working on a TV30 presentation, which also be on the Corner House Facebook page.
 - c. Allison Tarbotton – Because so many students are “Zoomed out” they are thinking of shorter events. They would like to host another cooking event, and maybe a drive-in movie in the spring. Gary suggested the students work with the library TAB. Susan Conlon suggested the students run an online tournament.
 - d. Riva Levy – The students are cautious about creating Zoom-based events due to online burnout. The students value the check-in portion of the Zoom meetings. Riva has emphasized planning events that let students work with what they have.
- VIII. Health Department – no representatives today – They are preparing for vaccine clinics starting January 11.
- IX. Old Business -- None.
- X. New Business
 - a. Gary reported the State Legislature has notified the Alliances that funding might not continue after June 30.
 - b. Riva reminded students that the applications for 2021 – 2022 student leaders will be available in the coming weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM. Motion Susan Conlon, second Bethany Loffredo, approved.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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| • February 4 | • May 6 | • October 7 |
| • March 4 | • No meetings in June, July, or August | • November 4 |
| • April 1 | • September 9 (2 nd Thursday) | • December 2 |

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Woodman, Secretary to the PADA.