

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance
Regular Meeting by videoconference
April 1, 2021
APPROVED Minutes

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

Attendance:

- Holly Arana (Princeton Police)
- Madeline Chia (CHSB – Princeton Day School)
- Hector Capeilleres (CHSB – Princeton Day School)
- Susan Conlon (Princeton Public Library)
- Filomeno Cuino (Corner House staff)
- Tracy Kindelsperger (Corner House staff)
- Riva Levy (Corner House staff)
- Kathy Stillo (Board of Health)
- Alison Tarbotton (CHSB – Stuart)
- Hannah Van Dusen (CHSB – Princeton Day School)
- Dwaine Williamson (Princeton Council)
- Jean Woodman (Corner House staff)

- I. Alliance Chair Courtney Navas called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.
 - a. The minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. Motion Holly Arana, second Riva Levy, approved.
- II. Update from School Representatives:
 - a. PHS – Diana Lygas – PHS is trying to secure a location for graduation, but the limits on gathering are an unknown. They have booked a location for prom on May 1 and will be working with agencies to make it safe and special. They have tents outside so some classes can meet outdoors after spring break. Clubs are now permitted to meet again and students are happy about this. Selections for next year’s organizations is underway; this is both happy and stressful for the students.
- III. Update from Princeton Public Library – Susan Conlon
 - a. PRIDE Month Event: To celebrate Pride Month, the Princeton Public Library, Corner House, HiTOPS, and other Princeton organization have begun to plan a Pride event, probably an outdoor picnic, for a weeknight in early June. Courtney noted the Princeton Police would like to be involved. Susan reported the steering committee will reach out to the Mayor and Council,
 - b. Student Library Board applications will be recruited later, so this might be helpful for students who were not selected for some of the other community leadership programs.
- IV. Update from Princeton University – no representatives available today. Jean Carlos Arenas sent an email reporting the new Inter-Club Council President is Schuyler Kean.
- V. Update from Princeton Council Liaison and Law Enforcement
 - a. Princeton Council – Dwaine Williamson
 - i. The Municipal Administrator has retired. The Council has selected a replacement and an announcement is pending. Meanwhile, Bob Bruschi, previous administrator, has come out of retirement to manage affairs during the transition.
 - ii. The Hilltop Park playing field turf project has been put on hold. Mercer County had approved \$500,000 for the project, so the use of those funds is also on hold.

- b. Police – Det. Holly Arana
 - i. Legalization of marijuana – The Governor has signed legislation requiring police to notify parents if their minor child is detained for a cannabis or alcohol offense.
 - ii. Police reported one incident of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) found in a bathroom at a business this month, and a traffic accident involving CDS.
- VI. Board of Health – Kathy Stillo
- a. The Cannabis Committee is forming and looks forward to making recommendations to the Council.
 - b. COVID: New Jersey has a 9.4% positivity rate and 586 cases of the new virus variants. Due to high activity, the municipality received “bonus” doses of vaccines for distribution through PSRC, Meals on Wheels, and other organizations that serve at-risk populations. The Mercer County vaccination clinic is expected to wind down after April 10.
- VII. Student Leadership Programs – Hannah Van Dusen, Madeline Chia, Hector Capeilleres, Allison Tarbotton, Riva Levy, Fil Cuino
- a. Hannah – The Seniors to Seniors program continues and is going very well. Students are also working on a PSA which will be published on the Corner House website.
 - b. Madeline – The Jeopardy!-style trivia night was well-received. It included a “Corner House” category which was a lot of fun. The students used an online Jeopardy quiz application. Participants attended the tournament via Zoom, used the “raise hand” as a buzzer, and utilized the chat window.
 - c. Hector – Students conducted group interviews of rising juniors for next year’s TAG and GAIA program applicants. The students noted their impressions for group facilitators Riva Levy, Ben Chin, and Linda Noel.
 - d. Riva – The Corner House Student Leadership retreat is tentatively to be hosted at Community Park. Riva is looking for a large venue nearby and had contacted the public schools, but received no response. Diana suggested Riva try reaching out to the Valley Road staff with a copy to Patrick Lenihan, Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts. Alliance members noted the caps for indoor and gatherings (Outdoor is 200 as of today) have added to the challenges of planning events such as graduation and retreats.
 - e. Fil – Thirty Outreach students attended a workshop on public speaking and networking. Several students are looking for summer employment with SYEP, the Princeton Recreation Department, YMCA, and Princeton-area businesses. They had a virtual visit to Syracuse University. Online tutoring and Saturday SAT preparation classes continue. Through a partnership with the YMCA, students are able to socialize and exercise.
- VIII. Old Business
- a. Alliance Funding – Tracy reported MCADA held a funding meeting last week, but we have not received a letter. We anticipate Alliance funding will be higher than the current \$14,000 but still well below the original 2020 award of \$54,000.
- IX. New Business
- a. None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM. Motion Holly Arana, second Diana Lygas, approved.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- May 6
- No meetings in June, July, or August
- September 9 (2nd Thursday)
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Woodman, Secretary to the PADA

Minutes approved 5/6/2021