

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting
February 16, 2023**

Attendees:

Leslie Wexler
Todd Silverman
Gabe DiPietro
John McParland

Lillian Wexler
Manny Friedlander
Marty McParland

Lisa Wexler
Andy Forst
Tanya Shields

Meeting Called to order at 7:03 by Les.

Minutes approved by Lil and second by Todd.

Treasurer's report reconciled.

Old Business – None

New Business

Website: Todd keeps the website up to date.

Project Positive Choice for 2022-2023 School Year:

February 15 (Phase 2): Anthony Doran spoke to the 8th grade in 1 presentation in Bassett Hall and it was a successful presentation. He spoke for 25 minutes and we learn a new part of his story every time he speaks. After he was done speaking, some of the students thanked him for coming. A teacher approached Anthony and opened up about her son who was now in recovery which is showing the program is breaking down barriers.

May 5 (Phase 3): Aimee Quinn will speak to the 8th grade as the 3rd phase

May 31: Celebration and Reunion Dinner

June 1 (Phase 4): Celebrity Day – 25 Celebrities will joining us this year.

Celebration Dinner: May 31, 5:30pm-9:30pm, at the hall at St Peter and Paul Church. It will be a reunion for a lot of the celebrities but we will be honoring Henry Hill. We will also be honoring John Bell, who has been a part of our program for over 20+ years. Since he is not up for Celebrity Day, he will still be joining us for dinner. There will be presentations for both honorees.

Celebrity Day: We have 24-25 celebrities joining us to speak to the 8th grade. The morning starts at 7am with some students, dignitaries, teachers and celebrities. The second part of the morning, the students move into Bassett Hall and introduce all the celebrities. The rest of the day will be 2 celebrities per classroom for about 10-15 minutes. The celebrities join the 8th graders at lunch. The last period of the day will be a basketball game with the celebrities versus the students/teachers.

We have 25 rooms reserved at the Hampton Inn for the celebrities to stay in after the dinner.

Future Fundraisers: Lisa plans on connecting with a friend who has held a bingo event and get some details.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023 at the Copeland Middle School library.