

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting  
December 19, 2019**

**Attendees:**

Leslie Wexler  
Lisa Wexler

Todd Silverman  
Lil Wexler

Marty McParland  
Tara Maluszcak

Meeting Called to order at 7:02 by Les.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved by Lil, second by Todd.

Treasurers report reconciled.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

**Website:** Keeping all information up to date. Todd added the new flyer for the fundraiser at the Barn, Concert for a Cause and he also added the award we received.

**Coach Bob Hurley Clinic:** December 9, Coach came up to Copeland and did a clinic for the Copeland Basketball teams. There was a great response from both the parents and the players. Alfonso Gonnella had Coach and all of the players sign a basketball that they will display in a case in Copeland.

**Project Positive Choice:**

**Phase 1:** Daytop was rescheduled to January 15.

**Phase 2:** Anthony Doran will be speaking in March.

**Phase 3:** Project PRIDE will be Wednesday May 20. They will arrive around lunchtime.

**Phase 4:** Celebrity Day will be Thursday, May 28. For the last phase we will work on an honoree as we usually do. We will be presenting a plaque to the Bucco family in honor of the late Senator.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Speakers:** Lisa was in touch with Dennis Fastiggi and he would love to speak again. Other options are Nick D'Angelo and Michelle Decroce. Michelle is a former Copeland student which can really hit the kids hard.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>: Concert for a Cause.** We are hosting a fundraiser at the Rockaway River Barn. Captains of Leisure will be donating their time by performing there. From the times of 10-10pm the barn will be donating a percentage of their sales to us as long as the customer hands in their receipt into the basket. The band will be there starting at 6:30pm.

**Parent/Family Evening:** We are thinking of having Dennis Fastiggi and Anthony Doran speak to the families about substance abuse.

**Senate Bill and Assembly Bill Update:** Unfortunately, nothing has gone on, especially because of the passing of the Senator.

**Scholarships:** We sent all the information to both High Schools. After the holidays we will get some feedback. We are offering \$250 to each high school. We will weed out the submissions

and interview as needed. Once we choose the recipient of the scholarship they will be presented at the awards night.

**Public Session:** We are still entertaining the idea to host a BINGO event next year. Todd looked into the licensing and the legality of the event. Todd got a list of suppliers that we can purchase/rent the equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Next meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Copeland Middle School library.**