

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting  
February 20, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Leslie Wexler  
Lisa Wexler  
Tanya Shields

Todd Silverman  
Lil Wexler  
Tara Maluszczak

Marty McParland  
Manny Friedlander  
Mary McAloon

Meeting Called to order at 7:02 by Les.

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

Treasurers report reconciled.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

**Website:** Keeping all information up to date.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Speaker:** Kevin Wilkens of the New York Giants will be speaking to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade the morning of March 6 as 1 presentation starting at 8:30am.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Speakers:** Dennis Fastiggi will be speaking to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade on the morning of March 13 starting at 8am. He will be speaking in 2 sessions in Bassett Hall.

**Project Positive Choice:**

**Phase 1:** Daytop spoke January 15.

**Phase 2:** Anthony Doran will be speaking the morning of April 8. We are going to see if Copeland will split it up in 3 sessions rather than 2. If Anthony cannot speak we will reach out to Nick D'Angelo.

**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 who has done so much for our program over the years.

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

**Concert for a Cause, April 29<sup>th</sup>:** We are hosting a fundraiser at the Rockaway River Barn. Captains of Leisure will be donating their time by performing there. The barn will be donating 15% of the bills that are put in the designated basket, from 10am - 10pm.

**Scholarships:** We sent all the information to both High Schools. 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, it will be awarded at the awards night. The awards assembly for Morris Hills is June 1 and Morris Knolls is June 11.

**Senate Bill and Assembly Bill Update:** Unfortunately nothing has gone on.

**Public Hearing State Senate:** The hearing will be March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in Trenton to discuss the future of Daytop of N.J.

**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 7:51 pm.

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Copeland Middle School library.**