

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting
January 16, 2020**

Attendees:

Leslie Wexler
Lisa Wexler
Manny Friedlander

Todd Silverman
Lil Wexler
Tanya Shields

Marty McParland
Melissa Hanson

Meeting Called to order at 7:02 by Les.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved by Michelle, second by Manny.

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 also added the national award we received.

Daytop: Wasn't the best group of speakers. Unfortunately they are going thru a lot at Daytop. Nicolette at Daytop was upset to hear that we weren't fully satisfied. Also we need to start doing the presentation earlier in the morning so that we have the kids undivided attention.

7th Grade Speakers: Dennis Fastiggi will be speaking to the 7th grade on March 13. 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 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. As a second honoree we would like to honor Jersey City Police Department for their heroism the day of the shooting in JC. The night before Celebrity Day, the committee will have dinner at Anthony's.

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

April 29th: 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. 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. 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. 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 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 7:40 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020 at the Copeland Middle School library.