

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting  
May 18, 2023**

**Attendees:**

Leslie Wexler  
Todd Silverman  
Suzanne Jackson

Lillian Wexler  
Melissa Hanson  
Mary McAloon

Lisa Wexler  
Marty McParland  
MannyFriedlander  
Joe Jackson

Meeting Called to order at 7:05 by Les.  
Minutes approved by Suzanne and seconded by Mary.

Treasurer's report reconciled.

**Old Business – None**

**New Business**

**Website:** Todd has been keeping the website up to date.

Les will be speaking on WMTR 1250am on Sunday morning at 9am. He is being interviewed by Todd Leonard.

**Project Positive Choice for 2022-2023 School Year:**

**Aimee Nelson:** On May 5, Aimee spoke to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. She did a great job with speaking and getting her story across. There was some good communication back and forth between the students and Aimee.

**Speakers for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade:** Alfonso asked if we knew any speakers that we could contact to bring in for Tuesday and Wednesday. We reached out to Colin O'Brien to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 23. Jon Sinclair will be speaking to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday, May 24 at 8:30am.

**May 31:** Celebration Dinner – 25 Celebrities will be joining us this year. Everyone will hopefully be arriving by 5:30pm. Pastor Hackworth will pray over the food. Food will be served around 6:15pm. The program will start around 7pm. Following the introductions will be the remembrances of Charles Lee and Tim Bassett, and lastly will be the presentations.

**June 1 (Phase 4):** Celebrity Day – Breakfast will start at 7 am. Once we are in Bassett Hall we will show Whitney Houston's version of the star spangled banner with the explanation of how a precious life was taken.

**June 15:** Since Bob Hurley will not be able to make the Celebrity Day events, he will be coming to speak to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade the morning of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Bingo:** We got the serial number for the board from St. Clements. We have the date November 4 and it will be at Copeland. We will offer The Rockaway Barn the option to come and sell food like they did for the tricky trays. For the night of the event we will also have a 50/50 being sold.

**Court Jesters:** Andy Eckman had reached out to Les wanting to know if we were interested in hosting an event where they would play against different community teams. They have a

sponsor that would pay for the event and the RTSAA would keep the profits. Les will follow up and report back to the alliance.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:54.**

**Next meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the Copeland Middle School library.**