

Meeting of the  
**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance**  
June 13, 2019

**Attendees:**

Leslie Wexler	Lil Wexler	Todd Silverman
Marty McParland	Mary McAloon	Manny Friedlander
Tara Maluszczak	Linda Wolk	LeeAnn Cianci-Morris

Meeting Called to order at 7:09 by Les.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved by Todd, seconded by Mary.

**Treasurer's Report:** All accounts reconciled. All bills paid to date.

**Old Business:** No updates on the Senate / Assembly Bill.

**New Business**

**Website:** Todd added photos from Celebrity Day and the Tim Bassett memorial montage to the home page.

**Programming:**

- Celebrity Day was on Thursday May 30. Tim Bassett's family and friends were all very appreciative of the various awards and recognition by the RTSAA, Rockaway, New Jersey Senate/Assembly, Copeland, Board of Education, and the Rockaway Township Teachers Association. The montage that Lisa created was very well received by all. Les received a plaque for the first annual award, which is in honor of Tim Bassett's core values. The Board of Education renamed the new gym in honor of Tim and presented the name plaque to be placed above the entrance. It is now known as "Bassett Hall". The school received a statewide award for our program as presented in the recent documentary that Copeland produced.
- RTSAA – Tim Bassett Memorial Scholarship: This will annually be for Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High School. Les spoke with Jim Jencarelli's assistant and was informed that we need a letter drafted with the detailed criteria of who is eligible and what they need to submit. We decided that they should write an essay about "What the RTSAA program and making Positive Choices means to them" or "How the RTSAA program and making Positive Choices has affected their life." We will pick one topic prior to submitting to the High School. They also should express an interest in a career involving the prevention or treatment of substance abuse. Since the essay requires the student to have been a part of our program we do not have to specify that they are a Rockaway resident or were a Copeland student.
- 2020 programming: Project Pride 5/20, Celebrity Day 5/28, Daytop New Jersey in November, Anthony Doran February or March.

**Public Session:** Manny donated a banner with our name and logo to the program. We will most likely ask the school to hang it in the gym as a permanent home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**Next meeting: Thursday August 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center as Copeland is closed**