

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting  
November 21, 2019**

**Attendees:**

Leslie Wexler  
Lisa Wexler  
Melissa Hanson  
Manny Friedlander

Todd Silverman  
Lil Wexler  
Tanya Shields  
Kelly Rodimer

Mary MacAloon  
Michelle Johanson  
Marty McParland

Meeting Called to order at 7:02 by Les.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved by Lisa, 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

**Project Positive Choice:**

**Phase 1:** Daytop was supposed to speak on November 21 but Copeland had to postpone.

**Phase 2:** Anthony Doran will be speaking in Febraury/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 4-10pm 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 start performing at 6:30pm.

**Parent/Family Evening:** We are thinking of having Dennis Fastiggi and Anthony Doran speak to the families about substance abuse. We have not set a date yet.

**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:** On December 7 Coach Hurley is donating his time and hosting a Basketball clinic for the Copeland students.

Lisa recently went to a Bingo Fundraiser. We think that this could be a future event we host. It will be a lot less work than the Tricky Tray but still a larger fundraiser to raise a good amount of money.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Next meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Copeland Middle School library.**