

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting
November 18, 2021**

Attendees:

Leslie Wexler
Lisa Wexler
Mary McAloon

Todd Silverman
Wayne Young
Manny Friedlander

Marty McParland
Melissa Hanson

Meeting Called to order at 7:05 by Les.

Todd approved minutes, Marty second.

Treasurers report reconciled.

Old Business – None

New Business

Website: Keeping all information up to date.

Project Positive Choice:

Phase 1: Since we don't have Daytop anymore we are going to try and have either Dennis Fastiggi or Aimie Quinn speak. We will try and do this before Thanksgiving.

Phase 2: We will have Anthony Doran come and speak as someone in recovery but also someone who lost a loved one to an overdose.

Phase 3: Project PRIDE (prisoners) will hopefully be able to arrange for them to come and speak. If we do move forward with this it will be in May, the week before Memorial Day. If we are not able to move forward, we will bring in another speaker.

Phase 4: Celebrity Day will be Thursday, June 2, 2022. Dinner will be the night before at Anthony's Restaurant. We would like to find someone worthy of honoring this year.

We would like to do 1 or 2 events for the 7th grade as well.

Bruce Watson: Les met with the interim superintendent. He is very supportive of our program. Bruce, Alfonso and Les are supposed to meet to talk about the logistics of the program. Once the meeting happens, we will be able to proceed.

Concert for a Cause: The Captains of Leisure will be donating their time and performing from 6:00 pm on. From 10am – 10pm, the Rockaway Barn will donate 15% of the receipts handed in. The event will be held Thursday, May 19, 2022.

BACK: Wayne Young introduced himself and filled us in as to what BACK does and how involved they are in the community. We talked about future events including a possible poker run or some sort of motorcycle event.

Additional fundraiser: A bike run joint venture with BACK, a cornhole tournament, an oldies concert, and bingo.

High School Scholarship: We have a scholarship program that we named in honor of Tim Bassett that is awarded to a senior of Morris Hills and Morris Knolls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at the Copeland Middle School library.