

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting
October 17, 2019**

Attendees:

Leslie Wexler
Lisa Wexler
Tanya Shields

Todd Silverman
Lil Wexler
Marty McParland

Meeting Called to order at 7:03 by Les.

Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved by Lil, second by Todd.

Treasurers report reconciled.

Old Business -

Back to school night: We were at both back to school nights at Copeland for all grades. It worked out well. We gave out a lot of information to interested parents.

New Business

Website: Keeping all information up to date. Also posted a memorial to Charles Lee after his passing.

Project Positive Choice:

Phase 1: November 21 (tentatively): Daytop students will speak to the 8th graders in 3 separate groups.

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 would like to have a plaque awarded to the late Senator for all he did for us.

7th Grade Speakers: Lisa was in touch with Dennis Fastiggi and he would love to speak again. Other options are Nick D'Angelo and Aimee Quinn.

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. 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 be there from 6:30 until 10 pm.

Parent/Family Evening: Les and Alfonso spoke about bringing a couple people to speak about substance abuse. Possibly having a celebrity and someone in recovery.

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 will be awarded at the awards night.

Public Session: Les and Lisa attended the Celebration of Tony Bucco. They did a wonderful job remembering him for what he did for the community. Les and Lisa also attended Charles Lee's funeral. Les was asked to speak at the funeral in memory of Charles and what he did for Rockaway. Lisa brought up being able to bring someone in for an event like we did for Darryl Strawberry. We can also talk to John Luppó about being a sponsor or knowing someone to help pay for the event so it doesn't fall solely on us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Copeland Middle School library.