

**Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance Meeting
October 20, 2022**

Attendees:

Leslie Wexler
Gabe DiPietro
Kelly Rodimer

Todd Silverman
Manny Friedlander
Tanya Shields

Lisa Wexler
Marty McParland
Mary McAloon

Meeting Called to order at 7:02 by Les.

Minutes approved by Lisa and second by Todd.

Treasurer's report reconciled.

Old Business – None

New Business

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

Family Night: We have planned for Thursday, November 3 to have a family night at Copeland. We will have Steven Antommarchi coming from Texas to talk about how he is involved with the DEA and his K9 partner sniffing out the drugs coming over the border. Morris County K9 unit will also be speaking. As for speakers in recovery we will have Aimee Nelson and Dennis Fastiggi.

Kevin Wilkins Presentation (6th grade): Every time he speaks to the kids, they absolutely love him. He can tell the story a little differently each time to keep the kids engaged. He really loves coming back to Copeland to speak to the kids to get the message to them.

Dennis Fastiggi Presentation (7th grade): With such a powerful story he can get his message through to the students. Some of the kids in the next room over remembered Dennis from last year. The fact that they remember him and the presentation is what this is all about.

Project Positive Choice for 2022-2023 School Year:

November 3: Family Night – “A Night to Remember”

November 16: Kevin Wilkins will speak to the 8th as the 1st phase

January 4: Anthony Doran will speak to the 8th grade as the 2nd phase

May 5: Aimee Nelson will speak to the 8th grade as the 3rd phase

May 31: Celebration/ Reunion Dinner

June 1: Celebrity Day – 25 Celebrities will be joining us this year.

Celebration Dinner: We will be hosting it at the hall at St Peter & Paul Church in Rockaway Boro. We will have up to 80 people joining us that night. Anthony's will be catering the food. With all of the years of dedication we will be honoring both John Bell and Henry Hill.

Celebrity Day: We will have 25 celebrities joining us for the 25 years of the organization.

Future Fundraisers: Lisa has talked about a possible Bingo event or Cornhole Tournament. Lisa will talk to Kristy about the upfront costs to get an idea.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022 at the Copeland Middle School library.