

## Wall Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

### January 3, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting was called to order:** 7:05 p.m.

#### **Moment of Silence**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Tom Abogabel; Judi Barnes, Patti Bartsche, James Cadigan, Keri DiRocco, Amy Gesualdi; Kendi Ker, Kristin Meyler, Mary Lynn Morris, Marie O'Connell, Alysa Regenye, Melissa Salso, Megan Sullivan, Rev. Wisner, Robin Zawodniak.

**Acceptance of November Minutes:** Motion by Keri DiRocco, second by Megan Sullivan.

#### **Voting of officers:**

- Mary Lynn Morris was nominated by Patti Bartsche as chairperson; seconded by Judi Barnes. Megan Sullivan nominated herself; second by Mary Lynn Morris. Ballot vote: Mary Lynn Morris is chairperson.
- Megan Sullivan was nominated as vice chair by Amy Gesualdi; seconded by Tom Abogabel. Keri DiRocco was nominated by Patti Bartsche; seconded by Alysa Regenye. Ballot vote: Keri Di Rocco is vice chair.
- Patti Bartsche was nominated as secretary by Keri DiRocco; seconded by Amy Gesualdi. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Sgt. James Cadigan provided an overview of the Wall Township's Police Department's efforts in 2018, including total number of arrests and arrests made by the department's Quality of Life unit.

Sgt. Cadigan also discussed the Drug Monitoring Initiative run by the N.J. State Police. DMI was designed to identify regional drug trends and quickly notify the public of lethal batches in order to save lives. A quarterly reported is issued.

The LEAD program will begin shortly for fifth graders in the district. Officers will also be speaking to high school seniors as part of the Not Even Once program.

**DELTA CLUB:** The club has been busy, constantly doing something. They will be holding a bake sale to raise funds during the "Impact of Use Marijuana Use on Youth and Communities," Jan. 14 at the high school.

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

**2018 Meeting Calendar:** The 2017 Meeting Calendar was presented. Several changes will need to be made.

### **Subcommittees:**

- **Youth Center:** Megan Sullivan, April Wilson
- **Citizen of the Year:** Marie O'Connell, Megan Sullivan, April Wilson
- **Project Graduation:** Sgt. Cadigan, Judi Barnes, April Wilson, Alysa Regenye, Megan Sullivan, Patti Bartsche, Sharon Burney, Marie O'Connell, Keri DiRocco, Melissa Salso, Kendi Ker
- **Fundraising:** Alysa Regenye, Patti Bartsche, Megan Sullivan
- **Kids Day America:** Tony Garrow, Sgt. Cadigan, Marie O'Connell, Tom Abogabal, Patti Bartsche, Amy Gesualdi, Kathy Sircovitch, Megan Sullivan, Keri DiRocco, Kendi Ker, Melissa Salso, Alysa Regenye
- **State County Coordination:** Tim Farrell, Tom Abogabal, Alysa Regenye
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest:** Sgt. Cadigan, Megan Sullivan, Amy Gesualdi
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Patti Bartsche, Marie O'Connell, Keri DiRocco, Judi Barnes, Tom Abogabal, Amy Gesualdi, Sharon Burney, Kendi Ker, Alysa Regenye
- **Scholarship:** MaryLynn Morris, Amy Gesualdi, Megan Sullivan, Keri Di Rocco, Melissa Salso
- **Meatball Gala:** Keri Di Rocco, Kathy Sircovitch, Patti Bartsche, Marie O'Connell, Tom Abogabel, April Wilson, Sharon Burney, Chris McDonald, Megan Sullivan, Amy Gesualdi, Kendi Ker
- **Bylaws Revision:** Rev. Wisner, Alysa Regenye
- **DELTA Club:** Alysa Regenye, Keri DiRocco, Sharon Burney

**PROJECT GRADUATION:** The next meeting will be February to coincide with the mandatory senior trip parent meeting. There is still a need for cases of water and soda as well as prizes. A business mailing will go out in March.

**MEATBALL GALA:** The committee is looking into changing some things for this year's event, including the location. More information will be shared an upcoming meetings.

**PRESENTATION:** The Wall Township Community Alliance is co-sponsoring the presentation "Impact of Marijuana Use on Youth and Communities," which will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the high school. Renowned speaker Kevin A. Sabet will be lead the presentation. In addition, a community health fair will be held in conjunction with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m.

**POSTER CONTEST.** The contest will once again be limited to fifth graders in the district.

**WALL HS ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP:** Students will be able to pick up applications for scholarships after the February vacation. Once the applications are returned to

guidance, they will be picked up with information redacted before being presented to the Scholarship Committee to review.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BREAKFAST:** It was once again a great community day. Thanks again to the WTEA for sponsoring the breakfast. Thanks to the Wall Township Police Department for serving as cooks. The grant paid for the printing costs. The profit was \$590. The next Pancake Breakfast will be held April 13.

**BYLAWS:** Bylaws committee members Rev. Wisner and Alysya Regenye presented an amendment to the bylaws, which reads: *From time to time different groups may wish to address the Alliance. To do so they must make their intentions known to the Alliance Coordinator. The Coordinator shall arrange a time for them and at that time the Coordinator will introduce them at our regular meeting. The outside groups will then have ten minutes to address the Alliance.*

*Having done so the Alliance members may address questions to them. They will be allowed 2 minutes to respond.*

Voice vote; motion carried.

Tom Abogabel; seconded by Megan Sullivan. Voice vote; motioned carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Tom Abogabel; seconded by Megan Sullivan.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patti Bartsche