

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

### February 7, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting was called to order:** 7:01 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Tom Abogabel, Patti Bartsche, Sharon Burney, James Cadigan, Keri DiRocco, Tim Farrell, Amy Gesualdi, Patti Mariconda, Kristin Meyler, Mary Lynn Morris, Megan Sullivan, Rev. Wisner, Robin Zawodniak.

**Acceptance of January Minutes:** Motion by Keri DiRocco, second by James Cadigan.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Sgt. James Cadigan provided an overview of the Wall Township's Police Department's efforts in January.

Sgt. Cadigan also discussed the LEAD program for fifth graders, and provided an overview of the programs officers will be conducting for high school juniors and seniors later this year.

#### ***COORDINATOR'S REPORT***

**PROJECT GRADUATION:** The next parent meeting will be Feb. 12 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:** There will be no Meatball Gala held this year; a revamped Meatball Gala event will be scheduled for 2020. A Save the Date letters will go out to competitors for next year.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** With no Meatball Gala this year, a revamped Easter Pancake Breakfast/Brunch will be held from 9 .m. to noon April 13. It will be promoted as a fundraiser. Ticket prices will increase and a variety of new items will be added to the menu. A 50/50 will also be held. Volunteers will be needed; a meeting will be scheduled shortly to discuss the event.

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE:** The annual Mother's Day flower sale at Wall High School will be held from 8-11 a.m. May 9 and 10. Several volunteers will be needed.

**MONMOUTH COUNTY DMI REPORT:** A copy of key findings from the state's Drug Monitoring Initiative focusing on Monmouth County was distributed. Among the findings: Monmouth County ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the state in lab submissions of suspected heroin; 7 percent of the statewide total. Monmouth County ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in total naloxone administrations; 3 percent of the statewide total.

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:** Applications for this year's Citizen of the Year will soon be available.

**NJPN ADDICTION CONFERENCE:** The NJPN 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Addiction Conference will be held May 10 at the Atlantic City Convention Center. A flyer was distributed for anyone who has an interest in attending.

**NEW BUSINESS:** BOE representative Robin Zawodniak said the school calendar for 2020 has been approved. The last day of school will be June 19th.

**OPEN FORUM:** Representatives from the New Jersey Poison Control Center and High Focus introduced themselves and provided brief overviews of their respective programs. Several medical marijuana advocates also addressed the Alliance.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Patti Mariconda; seconded by James Cadigan.

Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patti Bartsche