

Wall Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

June 6, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order: 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Tom Abogabel, Judy Barnes, Patti Bartsche, Sharon Burney, James Cadigan, Keri DiRocco, Kendy Ker, Amy Gesualdi, Kristin Meyler, Mary Lynn Morris, Marie O'Connell, Melissa Salso, Rev. Wisner, Chris San Filippo (Board of Education rep)

Acceptance of April Minutes: Motion by Tom Abogabel, second by Keri DiRocco.

Acceptance of May Minutes: Motion by Sharon Burney, second by Tom Abogabel.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Sgt. Cadigan provided an overview of the Wall Township Police Department's efforts through January. He also reported the positive feedback the department has received on its LEAD program for all fifth graders in the district as well as the Not Even Once program presented to the senior class.

Sgt. Cadigan also discussed vaping and its rise with high school students. While the age to buy tobacco products in New Jersey is 21, some products, including e-cigarettes and vape pens are easily available online to purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Following a discussion, Mary Lynn Morris made a motion for the Alliance to provide \$1,000 to purchase a vape senior for the high school. Seconded by Sgt. Cadigan. Voice vote – motion carried.

Following a discussion, a motion was made award DELTA member Samantha Shumway an honorary \$250 scholarship for her services to the DELTA Club. Motion made by Melissa Salso, second by Amy Gesualdi. Voice vote – motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Project Graduation: Project Graduation will be held from 11 p.m. to 4 p.m. Prize organizing will be held at 6 p.m. June 17 at the Wall Youth Center; volunteers are need with the organizing. Volunteers are needed to pick up items the day of graduation at Starbucks, Manhattan Bagels, Pancheros, Coal House Pizza and Jersey Cookie Girl.

Melissa Salso, Project Graduation volunteer coordinator, provided an update on staffing for the event.

Meatball Gala: A meeting needs to be set up for Meatball Gala 2020. A date needs to be selected as soon as possible; possible dates include April 30 and May 7.

GCADA: The next funding cycle for Alliances in the state has begun. The first training webinar was held May 14 in the downstairs conference room in the municipal building. The second training webinar will be held at 1 p.m. June 25 in the downstairs conference room; bring your lunch.

5th Grade Drug and Alcohol Poster Contest: The winners have been chosen and will be awarded their prizes at the June 26 Wall Township Committee meeting. A special thanks to the Wall Police Department for their help.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day: The event was held May 3 at Allaire Community Farm. DELTA Club members helped pass out information at the Alliance table.

Night Out Against Crime: This year's event will be held from 5-8 p.m. Volunteers are needed to staff the Alliance table.

Kids Day America 2019: Save the date! The event will be held Sept. 28, and volunteers are needed.

Reminder: There is no meeting in July; next meeting is Aug. 1.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Kendy Ker; seconded by Tom Abogabel.

Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patti Bartsche