

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

### Oct. 3, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

**Meeting was called to order:** 7:04 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Members Present:** Tom Abogabal, Patti Bartsche, Keri DiRocco, Amy Gesualdi, Kristin Meyler, Mary Lynn Morris, Marie O'Connell, Alyssa Regenye, Melissa Salso, Megan Sullivan, April Wilson, Rev. Wisner, Elyse Jankowski (community member), Gabrielle Clark, Julia Fernandes, Kim Hubbard, Renee Gurnwald (DELTA Club members)

#### **MINUTES:**

**August Minutes:** Motion to approve by Rev. Wisner, second by Tom Abogabal. Minutes approved.

**September Minutes:** Motion to approve by Amy Gesualdi, second by April Wilson. Minutes approved.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** No report

**DELTA CLUB REPORT:** Renee Gurnwald discussed the group's anti-bullying efforts and partnering with Be Strong, a national non-profit empowering youth to prevent bullying. There was also a discussion of the various activities planned for Red Ribbon Week. Kristin Meyler thanked the group for participating in Kids Day America.

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

**Project Graduation:** Kristin Meyler and Mary Lynn Morris will be meeting with the high school administration to discuss the school's involvement with the event going forward.

**Meatball Gala:** A subcommittee meeting was held prior to the regular monthly Alliance meeting. The date is set – April 30, 2020, at South Wall Fire House. As in past years we are looking for 12 restaurants to participate in the event. Sponsors are needed ... looking at platinum, gold and silver levels. Please consider volunteering for this event.

**Kids Day America 2019:** Thanks for another great Kids Day America. Everything went well, the weather was great and there was a lot of positive feedback. In terms of donations, only \$280 was collected; we will need to brainstorm ways to increase the amount of donations.

**GCADA 2021-2025 Funding Needs Assessment:** Thanks to Mary Lynn Morris, Judi Barnes and James Cadigan for completing the worksheet; if you can, please take a moment to answer the four question.

I (Kristin) attended the mandatory training through the county. There are big changes in GCADA funding and fundraising funding. Looking for clarity on some events the Alliance holds and sponsors, but it looks like there will be a dramatic change in how funding will be handled going forward.

**Red Ribbon Week/Back to School Events:** As part of Red Ribbon Week activities, a Drug Prevention evening will be held Oct. 23. Community Health Fair table exhibits will be open beginning at 6 p.m.; a panel of speakers will lead a discussion from 7-8:30 p.m. A day of faculty wellness and gratitude will be held Oct. 24 at the high school.

**Vaping Program:** A program on vaping for Intermediate and High School students is in the works. Kristin passed out “What Everyone Should Know About Vaping and E-Cigarettes” slide card to Alliance members.

**Back to School Night:** Handouts were given out to all Intermediate and High School parents who attended Back-to-School night.

**Allie Lee:** Former DELTA Club member Ally Lee’s mother died unexpectedly. A visitation will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday (Oct. 5); a celebration of life service will begin at 3 p.m. A GoFundMe account has been set up for Allie and her sister Sarah.

**Next Meeting:** A reminder – the next Alliance meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 7.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Rev. Wisner; seconded by Tom Abogabal.

Meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patti Bartsche