

Wall Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

January 13, 2021 – Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order: 6:10 p.m.

Sunshine statement

Members Present: Tom Abogabal, Patti Bartsche, Keri DiRocco, Amy Gesualdi, Kendy Ker, Tom Kingman, Patti Mariconda, Kristin Meyler, Mary Lynn Morris, Marie O'Connell, Alysya Regenye, Melissa Salso, Sgt. Miles Shanklin, Megan Sullivan, Sharon Burney.

Voting of officers:

- Mary Lynn Morris was nominated as chairperson; seconded. Voice vote. Mary Lynn Morris is chairperson.
- Keri DiRocco was nominated as co-chair; seconded. Voice vote. Keri Di Rocco is co-chair.
- Patti Bartsche was nominated as secretary; seconded. Voice vote. Patti Bartsche is secretary.

Police Department Report: Sgt. Miles Shanklin provided an overview of the number of overdoses/overdose deaths from 2017-2020. He also provided detailed statistics for 2020, which saw 20 overdoses, resulting in four deaths. The average age of persons overdosing was 35 – the oldest was 57, the youngest 25. Twelve out of the 20 overdoses were Wall residents. In addition, Sgt. Shanklin said the department is in the process of getting mental health training for its officers.

outlined the various programs the department is running in conjunction with the school district and discussed the department's quality of life department. He also provided an overview of the department's 2020 numbers. A handout was provided to members.

DELTA CLUB: Alysya Regenye provided information about the Stigma Free Pledge that has been signed district wide. She also asked the Wall Township Police Department to consider signing the pledge. Alysya provided an overview of what the club is doing, including putting together Random Acts of Kindness virtual event. A fundraiser may be scheduled in the future. Members will be attending the next meeting. DELTA member Renee Grunwald has been awarded a \$35,000 scholarship to Stevens Institute of Technology.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

2021 Meeting Calendar: The 2021 Meeting Calendar was presented. Meetings will be held virtually at 6 p.m. until further notice.

2021 Subcommittees:

- **Youth Center:** Megan Sullivan
- **Citizen of the Year:** Marie O'Connell, Megan Sullivan
- **Project Graduation:** Sgt. Shanklin, Alysa Regenye, Megan Sullivan, Patti Bartsche, Sharon Burney, Marie O'Connell, Keri DiRocco, Melissa Salso, Kendy Ker
- **Fundraising:** Alysa Regenye, Patti Bartsche, Megan Sullivan
- **Kids Day America:** Sgt. Shanklin, Marie O'Connell, Tom Abogabal, Patti Bartsche, Amy Gesualdi, Megan Sullivan, Keri DiRocco, Kendy Ker, Melissa Salso, Alysa Regenye
- **State County Coordination:** Tom Kingman, Tom Abogabal, Alysa Regenye
- **5th Grade Poster Contest:** Sgt. Shanklin, Megan Sullivan, Amy Gesualdi, Alysa Regenye
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Patti Bartsche, Marie O'Connell, Keri DiRocco, Tom Abogabal, Amy Gesualdi, Sharon Burney, Kendy Ker, Alysa Regenye
- **Scholarship:** Amy Gesualdi, Megan Sullivan, Keri Di Rocco, Melissa Salso, Kendy Ker
- **Meatball Gala:** Keri Di Rocco, Patti Bartsche, Marie O'Connell, Tom Abogabal, Melissa Salso, Sharon Burney, Megan Sullivan, Amy Gesualdi, Kendy Ker
- **Bylaws Revision:** Rev. Wisner, Alysa Regenye
- **DELTA Club:** Alysa Regenye, Keri DiRocco, Sharon Burney

5th Grade Parent Alert: CARE packages (including bookmark and magnet) are being send home to district 5th graders.

Project Graduation: A drug and alcohol prevention piece has been sent to senior parents. No decision has been made about 2021 Project Graduation; still waiting for more information.

Stigma Free Movement: Kristin provided additional information about the Sigma Free Movement; a banner will be hung on the lawn in front of the municipal complex.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Marie O'Connell; seconded by Tom Abogabal.

Meeting ended at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Patti Bartsche