

HOWELL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE, MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: 1-21-20, 12:30 pm at town hall

NEXT MEETING: 2-18-20, 12:30 pm, town hall (3rd Tues. of month); Friends of the Alliance, 4-6-2020, 7 pm., Echo Lake Pavilion (1st Mon. of quarter)

1. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:** Approved by Marni Elson Victor, seconded by Jose Orozco
2. **Attendees:** Brief introductions (name and organization)
3. **Alliance member voting (see funds requests, if any; member votes are counted on separate tally sheet):**
 - Please attend meetings where votes are required so we achieve a quorum
 - No voting matters
4. **Alliance finances/budgets:**
 - Fundraised account balance as of 1-15-20 is \$12,455.40, no changes since last meeting
 - Howell Township 2020: temporary budget approved at 1-7-20 reorg meeting
 - Members can submit to the Alliance requests for prevention-related training that will benefit the Alliance's prevention efforts in the community
5. **Alliance past business:**
 - Friends of the Alliance quarterly meeting 1-6-20: Light attendance again; joined by Councilman Tommy Russo; discussed ways to increase night meeting attendance and youth substance abuse trends; interest expressed in keeping it despite low turnout; asked members to share on social media
 - 2020 codes of conduct: distributed to members to sign and return; also emailed out today
6. **Alliance present and on-going business:**
 - Mental Health 1st Aid: 2-11-20 youth training for SROs/Class III officers and K-8 SAC; 3-4-20 adult training for Howell Twp employees across departments in coordination with HR director; no cost due to available MHFA grant
 - Walmart \$5,000 grant update: CARE packages planning and ordering of materials underway by Christa Riddle and Jeanna Ribon; will go to 3,800 students grades 3 to 8 in Sept. 2020 (at back-to-school nights and laptop distributions); Optimist Club has funds earmarked for this expense for Alliance; told Chief Bob Lewis of fire bureau he can submit literature for CARE package
 - Stigma Free Zone of Monmouth County steering committee: 1-14-19 meeting, website and toolkit availability prior to launching in Howell; committee is asking Monmouth County to do website ASAP for us; push on accomplishing this
 - Howell Township employees' "Happy Friday!" light yoga/mindfulness: 1st Friday each month, 4:45 pm at town hall; expanded to Howell schools staff; better turnout and compliments on activity bringing different departments together
 - "I AM..." Creative writing/mindfulness/yoga PAL club: for 3rd -9th grades, 3rd Tues of month, 6:30-8 p.m.; next session, 1-21-20; added yoga, too
 - K-8 District's Wellness Committee: Jeanna Ribon for updates (she is on committee); 3-19-20 Monmouth County Schools Partnership Wellness Educators' Symposium, 5-9 p.m., Neptune High School, 55 Neptune Blvd; Alliance will have a table
 - K-8 District's Student Advisory Committee: newly formed committee of students from both middle schools; maybe use this group of students for NJ Counterdrug Task Force's mapping initiative of risk and protective locations in school and community as identified by students

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- Heroes & Cook Kids: Alliance-sponsored; Camille Mussari and Jeanna Ribon gave updates; high school students did training last week at Vonage; next trainings 2-7-20 and 4-7-20; the high schoolers will mentor the middle schoolers next on 3-17-20
- GCADA grant: Fiscal Year 2020, 2nd quarter report submitted to county 1-10-20
- Optimist Club essay and oratorical contests: Christa Riddle is coordinating contest with Jane Losinger of Howell K-8 district and Optimist Club; Alliance will sponsor awards, have prevention table and presentation at 2-20-20 essay and oratorical presentations, Middle School North, 5 pm in the cafeteria; Christa Riddle and Jeanna Ribon are judges, along with Laurence Gurman from K-8 Board of Ed, Jane Losinger, and K-8 Assistant Superintendent Bruce Preston
- OD Mapping 2015-2019: Christa Riddle completed data; 1-29-20, meeting with NJ Counterdrug Task Force and Howell Police's Captain Storrow to start actual Howell mapping
- LEAD Training 2-23 to 2-25-20: Sergeant Paul Mazzeo, SROs Jayme Higgins and Maureen McBride, and another officer will attend LEAD training; Alliance offered to sponsor the training costs

7. Alliance members/guests:

- Prevention-related updates: 3 minutes time limit per organization (attendees are welcome to stay after the meeting to further collaborate, as well as to distribute program/event during the meeting)
 - Jose Orozco: American Red Cross gala in March; he will bring flyers to February meeting
 - Elks: high school and middle school peer leadership programs in February; to send Alliance invoice for students we are sponsoring
 - K-8 Schools: 7th graders doing Montclair survey on situations; Lifeline curriculum middle school lessons being done during gym; March is National Drug Fact Week
 - Howell Police Department: completed prevention education bulletin boards at both middle schools; current theme is peer pressure and refusal skills; will change message monthly; doing 7th grade DUI goggles in February, 6th grade social media presentation in March, and 8th grade Crime Suppression Unit presentation in upcoming months
 - Fire Bureau: After the Fire annual presentation is 4-23-20, 12:30 p.m. at Howell High School; teaches situational awareness and consequences of poor decisions; Alliance sponsors every year; Alliance members can attend, just tell Chief Bob Lewis if going
- Podkeeper: Who is not on the list? Please accept link to join when I email it out
- How will you contribute to the Alliance's prevention efforts this month? WE NEED EVENT VOLUNTEERS! IT IS PART OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

8. Alliance volunteers at upcoming events, please SIGN UP!

- **All Alliance members should volunteer for Alliance events. Helping at events is part of your membership and will factor into membership appointment recommendations.**

1-21-20, Howell K-8 District Parent Academy TONIGHT! 6 p.m., open to public, Alliance table

2-20-20, Optimist Club essay/oratorical contests, 5 p.m., Howell Middle School North, Alliance table

3-19-20, Monmouth County Schools Partnership Wellness Educators' Symposium, 5-9 p.m., Neptune High School, 55 Neptune Blvd; Alliance table

Alliance community education series, 6:30 to 8 p.m, Middle School South (Media Center)

2-13-20: Nicki Francis, Wellspring, "Vaping: What You Know. What You Need to Know"

3-11-20: Summer Deaver, Yoga Peace Kula, SEL and mindfulness part 1

4-22-20: Kaitlin McCarthy, Prevention 1st, "Athletes and Opioids"

5-13-20: Alisha DeLorenzo, Living Yes, SEL and mindfulness part 2

9. Meeting adjourned by Sergeant Paul Mazzeo, seconded by Camille Mussari