

Metuchen Municipal Alliance Meeting: April 11, 2013

Members Present:	Beatrice Moskowitz	Judy Cheung
Dan Delmonaco	Irene Morris-Nann	Jonathan Lifton
Mark McCreary	Mort Simpson	Kathy Liss
Michael Scheller	Lorraine Calovito	Steve Kitsko
Dorothy Rasmussen	Mike Garni	Kris Dubon

- The meeting was called to order by Beatrice Moskowitz as acting Chairperson at 7:30pm.
- The March minutes were approved.
- There will be an NCADD event on Tuesday, April 16 at Middlesex County College.
- Police Liaison Report
 - The magic show will be on May 3 at Campbell Elementary School. Kathy Liss and Youth Alliance members will attend.
- BOE Liaison Report
 - April 16 will be the BOE elections and budget vote
 - Jonathan Lifton thanked the Alliance for its support of programs in the Metuchen schools but asked about possible stoppage of funding for Project Graduation. Irene Morris-Nann explained that restrictions will be placed on grant money in the future and Project Graduation may not meet the required “environmental strategy” approach.
- Youth Alliance
 - Meeting on Saturday, April 13.
 - The Youth Alliance will hold a talent showcase event at the end of June.
- Programs Review
 - More than \$3000 is needed for funding but the Alliance can only give up to that amount. Irene Morris-Nann reported that Campbell might use “Too Good for Drugs,” which is being used at St. Francis. There has been positive feedback about this program and it might be used with “Media Detectives.”
- Website
 - Metuchennj.org → “Quick Links” → “Commissions” → “Municipal Alliance”
 - Mort Simpson showed the website to the members present. Submissions for the online calendar must be emailed to Mort Simpson, Kris Dubon, or Steve Kitsko. Any suggestions must also be emailed.
- Judy Cheung will present elementary, middle school, and high school risk factors and her solutions at future meetings.
- The Alliance must choose one issue to focus on for the next year. It has come down to opiate abuse or alcohol. We must support our choice with data and decide one issue to go forward with. The issue will be discussed on May 9th and the Logic Model is due to the county alliance by May 15th.
- Members looked at Michael Scheller’s possible prom sign designs and ideas.
- The meeting was adjourned.