



**Spotswood Borough Municipal  
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## Meeting Minutes

Meeting – April 23, 2018

Meeting called to order by Dawn Crandall at 7:06pm.

### Attendance:

#### Present:

Dawn Crandall  
Cheryl D'Armiento  
Collene Wronko  
Danielle Shekailo  
Dean Sliker  
Edward Schapley  
Laura DeSiome  
Marcia Halbert  
Victoria Halbert

#### Absent:

Annette David  
Kelly Sliker  
Maria Lundgren  
Nicole Gonnella  
Noreen Genthe  
Terry Salge

### Minutes:

Minutes were read by Dawn Crandall. A vote was made to accept the February 26, 2018 minutes by Ed Schapley, Collene second the vote. The vote was unanimous.

### Old Business:

#### Project PRIDE:

Questionnaire needs to be created and sent to teachers who attended Project PRIDE. Alliance Committee discussed and agreed on the following:

1. Did the program have a good impact on you?
2. What aspect of this program affected you the most?
3. Do you feel that the message each speaker provided was well received by the students?
4. Do you feel the students benefited from this program?
5. Do you feel Project P.R.I.D.E is an effective prevention program?
6. Would you like to see this program continue in the future?
7. Please provide any additional comments, suggestions and/or concerns below:

Danielle will create the questionnaire in Google Docs and email the link to the Superintendent to have forwarded to Memorial Middle School and the Spotswood High School.

#### Heroes and Cool Kids:

The Spotswood PTA was able to purchase the Heroes and Cool Kids Scholastic Children's books for Schoenly Elementary.

The PTA and our Alliance Facebook page have pictures of the Heroes and Cool Kids visiting the 1<sup>st</sup> graders and the Kindergartners when they gifted the books.



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The Alliance gave the Spotswood PTA a huge thank you on social media for helping and sponsoring these very special books.

#### **2018 Wall Calendar Fundraiser:**

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the PTA meeting, Danielle was able to sell two (2) calendars at \$5 apiece, and received two (2) \$5 donations -

- Lara - \$5 check
- Denise - \$5 cash donation for one (1) cops and k9 calendar to be put in the PBA basket for the PTA Tricky Tray
- Mrs. Torchiano - \$5 cash for one (1) calendar, and a \$5 cash donation for the Alliance.

Total of \$20 was given to Dawn after the PTA meeting that night.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – Sgt. Edward Schapley attended the PTA meeting and was able to sell a few calendars at \$5 apiece. A couple of the moms asked if he could autograph his month (May) for their child.

On Thursday, April 12, 2018 – Dawn and Danielle had calendars out at the PTA Lifetime Membership Award Dinner and asked for any donation amount. We received \$3 for three (3) calendars. Dawn has money to deposit.

#### **Alliance County Meeting:**

The Alliance County Meeting was on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 4pm at Spotswood Firehouse in order to accommodate all County Alliance Coordinators.

Danielle created the logo for the books Dawn picked out with Express Imprintables. Forty (40) books were made. Everyone at the Alliance County meeting received a book, a pen and a bag of candy Dawn put together.

The left over books were given to each Spotswood Alliance member during this meeting.

#### **PTA Lifetime Membership Award:**

Danielle and Edward submitted letters that entered Dawn into the PTA Lifetime Membership Award nomination. Danielle was also able to get Chief Zarro to write a letter as well.

Dawn was selected and received her award on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Ria Mar in South River.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Alliance Food Equipment:**

Chief cannot purchase the shipment container that was discussed at our last meeting in order to keep all PBA & Alliance equipment. Dawn brought up the idea of the town purchasing a storage shed to be put next to the rec center. Dawn saw a shed in Sam's Club for \$898.00. This will be looked into.



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**NNO:**

We will be getting ready for our Annual National Night Out – to be discussed at our next meeting.

**Clothing Bins:**

The Spotswood Alliance set up a Clothing Bin Fundraiser last year, in which two (2) bins were placed in the parking lot of the Spotswood Municipal Complex. Once the bins were in place, the alliance received \$3,000, and then every quarter, the alliance will receive \$1,600 (\$800 for each individual full bin). The money from this fundraiser will go into the Trust Account and provide the Alliance with money we can work with outside of the Grant Money.

Dawn needs to check if the bin money came in.

**Special Project Merit:**

The Spotswood Municipal Alliance was offered at \$7,500.00 Special Project Merit for the 2018/2019 School Year.

Danielle has worked closely with the Superintendent, the Principal of the Memorial Middle School and the organizations in order to implement new programs for the 2018/2019 School Year that will be funded by this Special Project Merit.

Sgt. Edward Schapley is working with the Superintendent and Vice Principal Michael Mastroserio of the SHS for the Powerback program while Danielle is working with the organization and the paperwork.

The new potential programs are as follows:

1. D.A.R.E. – replacing LEAD – ***This program has been completely approved by the BOE & Principals***
  - Sgt. Edward Schapley during the 2018 /2019 School Year will present D.A.R.E. to all K-12th Graders.
  - Need a copy of Ed's certificates for GCADA.
2. WellSpring We're not Buying it 2.0 – ***This program has been completely approved by the BOE & Principal***
  - **Memorial Middle School** - This program will be conducted by WellSpring for the four (4) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Classes with six (6) lessons per class during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the 2018/2019 School Year. Program focuses on reducing early first use of alcohol, marijuana, and prescription and over-the-counter medications. Bullying (including cyber) has its own lesson, as does an examination of media's role in promoting each of the above. Rutgers University was contracted to provide an independent evaluation which measured changes in knowledge, attitude, and behavior on the individual level. Identified by the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services as an approved, evidence-based program.
3. PowerBack Teen Dating in conjunction with Drug Abuse Education & Prevention Program
  - **Spotswood High School** – The organization that will be conducting the program is A Partnership for Change and Sgt Edward Schapley, the SOR and D.A.R.E. Certified teaching officer. The PowerBack Dating Program will be a two-fold program for the Junior and



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Senior student bodies. Each student body will be separated by gender for a 2-hr workshop in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2018/2019 School Year.

- The students will learn about the dynamics of dating abuse (including warning signs and statistics); victim and abuser behavior; how to support and empower teen victims; how to respond to teen abusers; how to approach and involve parents, guardians or caregivers; how to develop a safety plan; and where to refer victims for support services. Since violent behavior is often tied to substance use, Sgt Edward Schapley will be ENCHANCING the programs curriculum by including:
  - Town, County, State and National statistics on substance abuse
  - Explaining the link between drug addiction and dating violence
  - Explaining how drug and alcohol abuse affect dating partners
  - Informing students of the many treatment options available to anyone who wishes to end drug and alcohol addiction

The Resolution for the Strategic Plan will need to be authorized by the Borough Council. Forms 1 through 8 with supporting documents need to be submitted to GCADA by the beginning of June.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm**

**Next Alliance Meeting will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 7pm.**

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