

## Reporting Meeting of JULY 29, 2019

### Calendar of Events.

**This Week:** 7/29 Charlton School Picnic  
**Next Week:** 8/5 Apple run Work Night  
**Coming Up:** 8/12 Picnic at the Whettens'  
8/19 District Governor Larry Jones  
8/20 BOD at Schrader and Co.  
8/26 no meeting  
8/28 Chicken BBQ @ HS meet the coach's night  
(9/16 Flu Shot Clinic will be our meeting)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Elect Gregg, stepping in for President Silas, led the Pledge and Four Way Test. Dan Stec read a thoughtful invocation following a rousing chorus of America the Beautiful.
- Our special guest for the evening was the Executive Director of The Charlton School, Alex Capo, LMHC.
- Gregg announced upcoming meetings and also further information about the BBQ Fundraiser. The event will take place Wednesday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> at the BHBL High School cafeteria. This is also the parents/students Meet the Coaches night with expected attendance between 400-600 people. It will be catered by the school's own Spartan Catering and will include BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork and a Vegetarian option. It will be from 4-7, but we will need setup and clean-up crews. More information and sign up lists to be distributed later.

### The Charlton School Alex Capo, Executive Director

This week we held our meeting at the wonderful Charlton School campus pavilion and once again had perfect summer night weather. We heard from the school's executive director Alex Capo.

Alex opened with thanking us for our continued support and making the time to come and visit the school each year, stating that he always looks forward to our annual picnic at the school.

He was also excited to tell us about the school's presence and use of social media. They recently attending a BOCES workshop on social media and how it can be used as a great connection tool and a trusted source of information for parents of students and also for the community to know what is going on at the school. They now have a very active Facebook account, [facebook.com/charltonschool](https://www.facebook.com/charltonschool).

Another way the school is keeping connected to parents of their students is through their monthly newsletter. Alex says this has been a great tool for making sure parents are kept informed. And another amazing option the school offers to parents is the opportunity to stay on the school campus in the "family cottage" free of charge for a few days. This has been helpful to both student and family as some of the students come from outside the district and a lot from the NYC greater area. The parents are able to visit and actually attend some of the classes with their daughter and see the great learning experiences first hand. He also talked about the growing and very successful Equestrian program which now has five horses. They also strive to have every student participate in some way in this program so that it is completely a group effort in the caring and responsibilities for the horses. The school just had its Fourth Annual Equestrian Expo which was attended by about 75% of the students' families and even had a food truck vendor as well.

The school just graduated one of its largest groups of students with 10 seniors and 2 girls finishing the program and returning to their high school. With this large group of girls leaving they have 10 new residential students and 6 new day students. The school is also proud to have expanded its student base from outside of New York and have a student from Connecticut. In the future they would also like to be able to have student from the entire surrounding area of NY, CT, VT and MA.

The school is also working on plans to update its residential facilities, and it is putting together a 20 year vision for the school.

After questions, Gregg Schorr and Mike Brewster presented Alex with a check for \$1,000 dollars. This money is used by the school for their Loan and Scholarship programs which graduating students can apply for to help with college expenses/tuition.



Reported by Jon

**AUG SET UP:** Silas, Dan, Bill **CLEAN UP:** Pete S., Alec, Steve G. **Greeter - Mike**



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