

Northside PTA
Executive Board Meeting
October 22, 2013

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. Pledge.

President's Report: Kristine: the following names were added to committee chairs

Announced new committee chairs (list on file)

Nominating committee needs 2 exec. Board members: Ann Johnson and Jen S. 2 general members will be elected at the general meeting

Any questions? Approved

By-laws expire on Jan. 1. New by-laws were presented today and will be voted on Nov. 22nd. They will take effect on Jan. 1, 2014

Recording Secretary: review minutes from Sep. any corrections? Stand as written

Adjourned 9:40 am.

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General Membership Meeting

October 22, 2013

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10 am by Kristine. Pledge.

President's Report: welcome Mr. Hudes and Mr. Frank Ward from the BOE. Superintendents meeting: APPR results given out in Oct., no smoking policy on school property, no nit policy for head lice, P.E. curriculum is under review to include dance and yoga,

Guest Speaker: Mr. Gary Hudes – “The Town of Hempstead and Me” The presentation touch on topics available in the town for residents. Building Department: orange signs in window must be on property which grants the proper permits. Street Lighting: single light out is an easy fix. Whole block is usually an underground break in the line. Sanitation & Recycling: the white trucks driving in the area are supposed to watching the crews and trucks. Recycle bins should not be broken, call or email office for replacement. Garbage and recycle bins should be placed back where you placed it the night before. Highway Department: pot holes are temporally fixed during the winter. A grouping of pot holes will be cut and paved. E-cycling: all electronics will be recycled. You will get a notice. Don't want the mercury and lead to be in landfills. Usually behind tri-county. STOP program: recycling pollutants. In Town of Hempstead every month. Levittown located behind tri-county. Graffiti: you must paint over graffiti on personal property or businesses. The town will eventually come in and do it but you will be billed (\$5000 fines and up for graffiti). Gary on the Go: at the flee market last one tomorrow. Meeting individually about town events. Nature's Bounty at Levy Preserve: by sanitation. Great day out for the family. (animals, trails, pond, windmill, city skyline, fishing pier, kayak launch pad) New preserve in Lido Beach. Parks: rehabbing parks over the years. Water Department: located at Lido Beach conservation. Testing and keep water clean. Downtown Revitalization: Town will pay for ½ the renovation done by businesses. Curb side Tree Planting Program: senior citizens no cost, \$175 for a curb tree planting. Senior Citizens Program: locations; 555 New Bridge Road, and Seaman's Neck Road activities for seniors. Senior Home Improvement: Town will grant \$ for Seniors for home improvement. Child Safety ID kits: mobile van will come and id children for parents. One-Stop Passport Shop: will come and distribute passports. Anchor Park: camp Buying surplus: equipment for low costs. Green energy: solar power, wind energy. Wheelchair: call if you have a wheelchair to donate. They are redistributed through the Kiwanis club. New Stores: behind new CVS new lighting and parking lot being resurfaced. On Turnpike; every open space is in the works except Bally's old store; Old K-Mart will be Home Depot; Old Jewish center will be Zwanger and Pesiri; Old Mande store will be a restaurant; Corner of Grassy Lane might be Dairy Queen; Levittown Movie theater is being gutted and plans for a multi-million dollar renovation; old ATV building will be Starbucks drive thru; old Club next to OTB have interest in restaurant

Principal's Report: State test results: optimistic in the growth seen thus far. Data plans are being handed in by each teacher to look for patterns, areas of weakness, benchmarks, and grades. We will be proactive and adjust to results and instruction. We want the kids to enjoy coming to school. Get a Voice: kickoff day today, Sticks and Stones assembly, Character Trait for the month is courage. No homework for students one day at the beginning of each month in order to complete a Get a Voice assignment. (draw a picture and/or write a self reflection about the character trait for the month.) Pelican Bills: to promote excitement in the school. Students can buy items, or incentives such as be VP for a day, or eat lunch with a teacher. Trees in the lobby: one for each grade for Northside Students are Good to The Core. Will be decorated all year with apples and students pictures. School store: construction has been delayed, but will be on top of it. Fire Prevention Contest: Lania M. winner for kindergarten & Jason K was the grand prize winner Halloween Parade: will take place at 10 am parents are invited.

BOE member: Mike Pappas: PTA makes a difference and I want to say thank you for the sympathy card sent to my family for the loss of my father-in-law. State testing for Special Ed: there are talks to test on grade level not age level or conduct double testing. Tax bills: Levittown is the 2nd lowest tax increase per household, just behind Roosevelt.

1st V.P.: no report

2nd V.P.: membership total: 205 members. I have submitted October's payment to the NYS PTA so we receive the Early Bird Award. The Apple I-pad raffle will take place at the next meeting

3rd V.P.: Prestige fundraising \$12,000+ profit over \$6000; webkins and catalog items delivered, baked goods next month

4th V.P.: no report

Recording Secretary: Look over minutes from the September 12th meeting. Any corrections? Stand as written.

Treasurer's Report: September 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013 - opening balance \$23,318.07, expenses \$1986.64, income \$1,769.00, closing balance \$22,408.43. The audit for the month of September were conducted by Donna P. on Oct. 22nd and everything was found to be in order. Committee chairs please look at your budget before spending.

Corresponding Secretary: a sympathy card was sent to the Papas family

Historian: if you have scheduled events please send an email so I can come and take pics.

Council Delegate: (on file) meeting on Thursday, 9/19: cc assessment results in, data being analyzed, questioning the implementation of assessment. New Chain of command on above September in the calendar, new principal at DHS, DHS cafeteria is ready first days of school lunch was free, Wisdom Land food pantry needs donations

Standing Committees:

Cultural Arts: 1st program will be held on 10/22 during LEADD week: Sticks and Stones (anti-bullying assembly) meeting with teacher about curriculum based events

Council Budget: open

Elementary Curriculum: no report

Health, Safety & Environment: no

Family Fun: Movie Night was held on 9/27 @ 7pm. "Hotel Transylvania" was played and there was free ice cream Slingo date November 15th, letter will be sent home

Food Service: no report

Hospitality: Thank you Janet and Dina

Legislation & Advocacy: proposed resolutions for 2013 are on file. PTA suggests you vote yes on these resolutions

Pelican Supply Boutique: Jen L. and I went out on Friday, October 11th. We sold \$350 of supplies and I spent \$653.25 this summer to stock the cart. Next months date TBA

Secondary Curriculum: 6 new members in district, names and numbers on website, DHS adding and dropping classes form to be filled out by and signed by parents, it will be a 6 week waiting period to approval, next meeting Nov

SEPTA: on file

Showcase: no report

Website/Pelican: The Pelican: the 1st issue went out on Oct. 1st. It's also available online through the Northside website. Email any requests for next issue. Website and Facebook is being updated

Special Committees:

Bake Sale: there was a bake sale held during Back to School Night

Blood Drive: this year we will be having our blood drive with Nassau University Medical Center on Tuesday, March 4th from 3:30 – 9 pm.

Budget Committee: no report

5th Grade T-Shirts: no report

Yearbook: School Annual gave us the best price. Susan M. made a motion to use School Annual by Janette B. Marie R. 2nd. approved

Giving Tree: will come up with a theme around Thanksgiving time

Holiday Boutique: letter will be drafted, set-up Dec. 9 sale 10 & 11

Honorary Life: no

LEADD: This week is LEADD

Nominating Committee: We need 2 general members to complete the committee: Tina Adamo and Heidi Finn, alternate Karen Smith.

PARP: coming up with theme and dates for this year

Pictures: School pictures were taken on October 8th. Make-up are scheduled for November 14th

Product Labels: envelopes have been hung up outside of classrooms. Collecting box tops and labels for education. Top classes get an ice cream party. Posters will be hung up in cafeteria. Jen S. made a motion to increase line by \$50 to make it \$150 from supplies. Marie R. 2nd. approved

Reflections: letter went home, send it in if you want to participate, and the rules and regulations will be sent home.

School Clothes: online companies can give same price as Uniform Pros. Motion to use Uniform Pros was made by Marie R. 2nd Yvette. Approved. Art work was presented to use more realistic pelican and “property of...” will have last years design as well on the order form.

Tribune: no report

Liaisons Reports:

Dollars for Scholars: no

High School Liaison: no report

Middle School: on file

Student Council: 1st meeting was on October 8th Students campaigned last week for positions. The top 3 students for each position will give speeches at the run on October 30th

Old Business: none

New Business: Continue to send Mrs. Cohen your well wishes, Parents Music Club fair November 6th at Levittown Hall, if it is a really successful event we will grant \$ to PTA, the coupon books will also be sent out

By-Laws: By-laws expire on Jan. 1. New by-laws were presented today and will be voted on Nov. 22nd. They will take effect on Jan. 1, 2014

Meeting adjourned @ 11:35 am.

Dates to Remember:

- 11/20: 7:30 pm Board of Education Planning Session @ LMEC
- 11/20: 1st Elementary Marking Period Report Cards Available Online
- 11/21: No School for Elementary Students
- 11/22: Half-Day for Elementary Students
- 11/21 & 11/22: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/28 & 11/29: No School
- 12/2: 9:30 am PTA Pres./Supt. Mtg @ LMEC
- 12/11: 7:30 pm Board of Education Regular Mtg @ LMEC
- 12/23 – 1/5: Holiday Recess
- 1/6: 9:30 am PTA Pres./Supt. Mtg @ LMEC
- 1/13: 7:30 pm SEPTA meeting @ LMEC
- 1/15: 7:30 pm Board of Education Regular Mtg @ LMEC
- 1/16: 7:30 pm PTA Council Meeting @ LMEC
- 1/20: No School – Martin Luther King Day
- 1/22: 7:30 pm Board of Education Planning Session @ LMEC
- 1/23: 7:30 pm Northside Winter Concert
- 1/28: 7:30 pm Northside PTA meeting