

LEVITTOWN COUNCIL PTA'S
General Membership Meeting
September 26, 2016
Minutes

Call to order at 7:45pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance-Quorum was established

Minutes from May meeting are on table for review. Seeing no changes or corrections, minutes will be filed as written.

President's Report: See attached report

1st VP: No report

2nd VP: No report

Corresponding Secretary: No report

Treasurer: See reports from June, July & August. Presentation of Budget (see attached). Linda Pereira reviewed the books and found them to be in good order. Patti Genco makes motion to approve PTA Council Budget for 2016-2017. Second by Mari Ganga. The motion passes. Tina is distributing Council dues bills. Please remit payment.

Superintendent Report: Homecoming at MacArthur and Division were success with both football teams bringing a win. Levittown HS students performed at Citifield on 9/20 and it was beautiful. District is reviewing homework policy to determine value of homework. Past Coaches Doug Robbins and Norm Murray are to be inducted in the HS Coaches Hall of Fame.

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Bill Pastore Report: This summer the district completely painting work and parking lot repairs. Home & Careers room at Wisdom and display cases have been updated. Fans have been brought into the kitchen for the workers. \$43,000 approved by Nassau County Legislature for Division and MacArthur bleachers. Outdoor Learning Center current phase is completed along with indoor classroom. Cooling stations are being put out to bid again. \$4m electrical upgrade is being consider with plans being discussed. Cardio room at Division has been completed. Air conditioning has been installed in Division band room. LMEC auditorium is next. District is bringing back all-district music for all levels.

SEPTA-Kristin Taormina-Please follow Levittown SEPTA on Facebook. Membership is open to all. Currently holding Yankee Candle fundraiser. Last meeting featured Susan Eisnan as speaker. Next meeting is a family fun night on 10/24 open to all members.

Committee Reports

Arts in Ed- Abbey will host 2-day Indian program. Northside is having square dancing and literacy night.

Audit: Audit on 8/21. Books were found to be in good order.

Council Budget: No report

Elementary Curriculum: Will meet on 9/28 at 9:30am, small board room

Health & Safety: No report, need chair, meets as needed

Legislation & Advocacy: No report

Procedures: No chair, meets as needed

Secondary Curriculum: Will meet on 9/28 at 9:30am, small board room

Transportation: Mary to share date of meeting

Special Committee Reports

Budget: No report

Bylaws: No report

Honorary Life: no report

PTSA Senior Award: Winners- Division: Libbie Siedweeks, Bhori Kadakia, Kristin Schmidt, Jean Mahn, Mac: Nicholas Nocella, Erin Perotta, Ryan Carr, Thomas Epp

Meet the Candidates: No report

Nominating: No report

Reflections: No report

Senior Award Dinner Dance: information coming next month

Liaison Reports

LSCS: To be scheduled

Food Service: Reps need BOE approval. Please submit names from Units as soon as possible

GC Tech: need representative

LEADD: 10/30 considering Council table, need chairperson

Teacher Center: need representative

Wellness: meets every 2 months, need representative

Levittown Community Coalition: community of social workers from buildings to talk about issues in the community

Old Business: 125 tix have been sold to Jets game. Possibility of opening up more seats

New Business: Linda shared info about LI School for the Arts. 1 student has been accepted into the dance program and is attending. 11&12graders are eligible to submit applications for the stringent vetting process.

Mary-Council has been asked to provide a table at Parent University to sell snacks. Angela makes a motion for Council to provide refreshment at Parent University with amount to be determined next meeting based on RSVPs. Second Dawn Marmo. Pass. Angela & Margaret agree to volunteer.

Next meeting 10/25.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 with refreshment provided by Wisdom/Division.

Minutes Prepared by Susan Silberger

Levittown Council of PTAs President's Report – September 2016

Good Evening! Welcome to the Levittown Council of PTAs General Meeting. I am excited to welcome everyone to another successful School Year! It is wonderful to see so many new faces here at our meeting. My name is Mary Rickard and I am your PTA Council President. I started in PTA about 11 years ago when I was approached to help out at Summit Lane Movie Night. Since then, I think I've held nearly every position in PTA during my kids' years at Summit, Wisdom and Division. I have 2 children, my daughter is a Junior Nursing Major at Adelphi University and my son is a junior at Division Ave. I'd like to take a moment and ask that we go around the room, introduce ourselves. Please tell us your name, the school that you represent and what position you hold (Council Delegate, Officer or Committee Chair). Please join me in thanking Wisdom Lane for hosting our meeting this evening. Abbey Lane you are our host next month.

Our meetings are recorded. This is for the sole purpose of making the job of our recording secretary, Sue Silberger easier. This is her first meeting taking minutes, so please bear with her as she gets used to her new role. Please utilize the microphones in the room when addressing Council, again this is to make things easier for Sue as she cannot hear the voices on the recorder, otherwise. Please remember to always be respectful of others when they are speaking, we may not always agree with each other, but we can be courteous as each of us speaks.

Minutes of the meetings will be forwarded to the Unit Presidents each month for review. If any corrections need to be made to the minutes, please bring them up at the meeting. Once the minutes have been approved they will be posted on the Council link under "District" on the Levittown Public Schools website.

Please note that although all of our meetings are open for all to attend; there are certain restrictions in who is allowed to speak and participate in the meetings. There are also restrictions for voting. According to our Bylaws: The voting body of this council shall consist of the officers of council, chairmen of the council standing committees, the president of each member unit, the superintendent of schools, the immediate past president of council and accredited delegates of the units. Anyone else is certainly welcome to attend, but is not to be voting. If you are Co-Presidents or Co-Chair...both people share 1 votes, so please don't both raise your hands to vote, unless 1 person holds a second position such a delegate or chair of a standing committee.

There is a draft directory circling around for you to make any necessary changes. We will have the directory printed and distributed at our October meeting, as well as on the Google Drive. Please remember, the information in this directory is for PTA purpose only and will not be shared.

Tax time is quickly approaching, November 15th, please do not wait until last minute to set up a meeting with your Treasurer. All units MUST file taxes each year –some may just need to file an E-postcard, while others may need to file and actual 990.

By this time, everyone should have completed their building usage forms for your PTA Meetings. Remember, anytime you need to use school property (committee meetings, book

fair, cultural arts, etc) you must first fill out a Building Usage Form. They are now online. Please also remember to send in a copy of your Unit Insurance.

As you may know Council has always stressed the importance of training. There are many opportunities throughout the year for you to attend a workshop or training seminars to assist you in the role you play in PTA. One of our key responsibilities as PTA is advocating for all children and there is no better way to do this than training. – take advantage of these wonderful opportunities. Train yourselves, your officers and your membership and you will have a successful, cohesive unit. The words “well, that’s how we’ve always done it” really don’t stand up anymore. PTA is continually evolving and so should all of us. Check out Nassau Region’s Website (Nassaupta.wordpress.com) Your first opportunities for training are :

Wednesday October 19th – Nassau Region Fall Conference

Thursday October 27th – Nassau Region President Rap

NYS PTA will be holding its annual convention in Saratoga Springs this year, November 11-13. Registration is now open. You can register until October 2nd online at the NYS PTA website. Council has always encouraged units to send representatives. We often hear that it will cost too much money, or that is money we can use for the kids – but I assure you that it is money well spent and you will be using it for the kids when you come back with more advocacy tools and activity ideas.

The Board of Education typically meets twice a month. These meetings can be very informative – the better informed you are as to the BOE planning and decision making the better you can serve your unit and the children of the district.

Many of the unit have made updates to their district web pages and more of you have Facebook pages for information purposes. With technology moving at such a fast pace in today’s world, these are wonderful ways to get information to your members. Minutes, by-laws, procedures and announcements on your pages will allow the opportunity for all of your members to stay up to date with the happenings of the units. If your unit does not have a social media outlet, you may think of starting one. Please make sure that you have procedures in place for this. PTA Council has put in place a facebook page, as well as a Twitter account. Please follow us and invite your friends and neighbors to as well. Speaking of social media and internet use, PTA Council has also decided to forego the usual paper committee folders and make everything electronic on our Google Drive. We are still finishing up this process, but as soon as it is complete all of the officers and committee chairs will receive a link to their folders. Please remember to follow proper notification procedures when calling additional meetings or making changes to your meeting dates and times.

We still have a many committees open that we need volunteers. These are important committees that have made some amazing impacts on the education in our district. There is a committee sign up sheet going around. And if you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact me.

All of your elected members of Council have been where you are today. We have all acquired much experience and knowledge performing the many jobs you will find yourselves doing now. This doesn’t mean we still don’t ask questions or ask for help. We are all here to share the knowledge and experience we have. Some of us are experts at treasury, while others are great at updating by-laws and procedures or other things. Don’t be afraid to use us!

Communication is the key to a successful year working together. We may not always agree on the topic of discussion, as long as we continue to work together and treat each other with respect we can accomplish a great deal for the children of Levittown. Keep in mind that the issues we advocate for here in Levittown with our School Board or Administration may not always affect you or your child directly, but they do affect someone.

In the past Council has allowed units to share information and we would like to continue with that this year. Please feel free to share your unit's information: Arts in Education programs, fundraising ideas, etc. under new business. Please remember to have your flyers approved by your building principal before distributing.

Thank you for all that you do for our children.

Please keep the line of communication open. Contact us with your questions or concerns. I work full time in a Doctor's office but I will definitely get back to you within 24 hours. If the matter is urgent please let me know that and if I can't address it immediately, I can find another officer who can! We are all here to help in any way that we can. Remember – the question you ask may be that question that someone else was wondering also-don't be afraid to ask!!

Some Quick Reminders:

Wednesday October 19th – Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wednesday October 19th - Nassau Region Fall Conference

Tuesday October 25th - President/Superintendent meeting at 6:30 & Council Meeting at 7:30

Wednesday October 27th – Nassau Region Presidents Rap

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Rickard

9/26/16

Levittown Council of PTAs
Treasurer Report
August 1 - August 31, 2016

General Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$12,498.32**

Expenses:

Banking Supplies

Banking Supplies

Jets Game

Hospitality

2.00

8,484.00

13.07

Total Expenses: **\$8,499.07**

Income:

Banking Supplies

Jets Game

\$2.00

\$2,630.00

Total Income: **\$2,630.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$6,629.25**

Senior Award Fund

Opening Checkbook Balance: **\$12,223.80**

Expenses:

Banking Supplies

\$4.00

Total Expenses: **\$4.00**

Income:

Total Income: **\$0.00**

Closing Checkbook Balance: **\$12,219.80**

CD Account

Opening Balance: **\$4,047.00**

Expenses:

Total Expenses: **\$0.00**

Income:

CD Interest

Total Income: **\$1.26**

Closing Balance:

\$4,048.26

Levittown Council of PTAs Budget 2016-2017

General Fund:	Proposed	Actual-YTD	Proposed	Actual-YTD
	2015/2016	2015/2016	2016/2017	2016/2017
Starting Balance	\$6,760.24	\$6,760.24	\$5,490.32	
INCOME				
Membership Dues	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Jets Game	\$0.00	\$4,385.00	\$964.00	
Other	\$0.00	\$431.04	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,260.24	\$13,076.28	\$16,630.32	
EXPENSES				
Administrative Functions	\$200.00	\$105.00	\$200.00	
AIDS Awareness	\$6.10	\$0.00	\$6.10	
Banking Supplies	\$50.00	\$246.00	\$30.00	
BOE Recognition	\$100.00	\$120.02	\$100.00	
Carry Over	\$3,904.14		\$4,185.22	
Convention	\$1,700.00	\$1,878.68	\$1,300.00	
Get a Voice	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Health & Safety	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Historian/Correspondence	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$77.82	\$100.00	
In House Training	\$300.00	\$231.77	\$300.00	
Installation	\$50.00	\$78.20	\$75.00	
Jets Game	\$100.00	\$4,119.00	\$8,484.00	
LEADD	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Office Supplies	\$200.00	\$112.96	\$200.00	
Pres/Prin Dinner	\$300.00	\$272.00	\$300.00	
Publications	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Workshops/Conferences	\$800.00	\$344.51	\$1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,310.24	\$7,585.96	\$16,630.32	
Available Balance				
SR AWARD FUND:				
Starting Balance	\$9,569.72	\$9,569.72	\$12,332.30	
INCOME				
Dinner Dance Income	\$25,000.00	\$29,474.50	\$25,000.00	
Other Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,569.72	\$39,044.22	\$37,332.30	
EXPENSES				
Carry Over	\$4,419.72		\$7,252.30	
CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Banking Supplies	\$100.00	\$132.50	\$30.00	
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$26,000.00	\$22,683.92	\$26,000.00	
PTA Senior Awards	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Senior Award Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34,569.72	\$26,816.42	\$37,332.30	
Available Balance				
CD ACCOUNT:				

Starting Balance	\$4,020.73	\$4,020.73	\$4,044.94	
INCOME				
CD Interest	\$20.00	\$24.21	\$20.00	
TOTAL INCOME				
EXPENSES	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES				
Balance	\$4,040.73	\$4,044.94	\$4,064.94	