

**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2014**

Call to order by Mary Rickard 7:31pm. Pledge, quorum.

Guest Speaker: From GC Tech, Kristina Cuomo (English teacher & Dean) and Bill Cooper (Graphic Arts teacher) explained the program.

Presidents Report: Mary Rickard reported that at the Pres. /Super meeting the ongoing cafeteria issues were discussed. Commissioner King is encouraging districts to use other data as a baseline measurement other than the Student Learning Objectives and the pretests that we've been using. The budget process has begun. There was some discussion about the possibility of a delayed opening tomorrow due to the predicted extreme cold weather. Dr. Grossane has asserted that he is not likely to use that option regardless of what other districts may do. Report on file.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- Laura Brown sent in her report. Barnes and Noble went well. Mr. Verdi won the NOOK. Barnes and Noble have suggested a fundraiser in the spring. We would give them a list of summer reading books needed and they would set up a display in the front of the store for student purchases. We would receive a portion of the sales. Laura met a representative from the NY Yankees while at convention. They will for the first time be doing group sale specials. 10 tickets minimum, tickets will be 50% off plus a small amount that would be our profit. The name of the school will be displayed on the scoreboard. They need a \$250 deposit to be placed on the priority list.

Another idea is a Saturday front lawn plant sale. There would be pre-orders for certain items as well as product being available the day of sale. *Motion by Pat Genco to go forward with both fundraisers. Second. Discussion. *Amended Motion by Pat Genco to have Laura look into the two fundraisers, to get information on the deposit for the Yankees and to get prices from three different companies for the plant sale. Second. All In favor, motion carried. Report on file.

2nd VP – Angela List reported that we have 356 members - 58 Staff, 120 students, 171 parents and 7 community members. It was discussed that we have a membership day at the school so non- members can purchase a membership.

Recording Secretary- The minutes of the November 4, 2013 General Meeting approved as corrected.

Corresponding Secretary – Thank you from the office staff for their holiday recognition.

Treasury- Pat Genco reported. General Fund starting balance on 11/4/13 was \$2,397.95, deposits of \$50.85, expenses 58.60, closing balance on 11/30/13 \$2,390.20. Senior Award Fund opening balance on 11/4/12 \$1,404.65, deposit \$100.00, expenses \$65.00, closing balance on 11/30/13 \$1,439.65. These books were reconciled by Laura Brown. General Fund starting balance on 12/1/13 was \$2,390.20, deposits of \$222.50, expenses of \$357.17, closing balance on 12/31/13 \$2,255.53. Senior Award Fund starting balance on 12/1/13 of \$1,439.65, deposits \$334.39, expenses \$249.38, closing balance on 12/31/13 \$1,524.66. These books were reconciled by Laura Brown. General Fund starting balance on 1/1/14 of \$2,255.53, deposits \$239.39, expenses \$10.00, closing balance on 1/6/14 \$2,484.92. Senior Award Fund starting balance on 1/1/14 was \$1,524.66, deposits \$10.00, expenses \$239.39, closing balance on 1/6/14 \$1,295.27. These books were reconciled by Laura Brown. There was some confusion with PayPal deposits. Adjustments have been made and deposit slips are now clearly marked. Report on File.

Council Delegate – there was a speaker from NYS PTA regarding Common Core.

Principals Report- Mrs. Lorelli reported. Girls Soccer received awards for All County, All Class, All Conference and Scholar Athlete. Kara Burke sang with the All State Mixed Chorus. The Business Honor Society presented the USMC with toys for their toys for tots program. PSAT results are in. Science Research students attended their first Olympiad Competition of the year, they earned 3rd place overall.

Standing Committee Reports

Communications – Laura Brown is doing a fabulous job, please like us on Facebook.

Legislation- Lynn Petrofsky gave the 2013 NYS Convention report. Report on file.

SEPTA-Liz Kirk reported that Kevin McCarthy attended their 11/18 meeting. He spoke on how students interpret Common Core questions.

Youth Issues – Lyndsey Petrofsky sent in her report. She attended the Smart Decisions Conference at Hofstra University. Report on file.

Special Committees

Audit- A mid- year audit needs to be scheduled.

Book Fair- A check was received in the amount of \$579.05. *Motion by Pat Genco to get more info on the spring book fair and report back. Second. All in favor, motion carried.

Honorary Life- Mr. Chiti is the Division awardee this year. The event is April 24th at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Invitations will be distributed shortly.

Reflections-Debe Howe reported that they received 11 literature, 14 photography and 1 dance entry.

Nominating – We need to elect an alternate from general membership. The executive board needs to meet.

Sweeps-Dani Jeffer explained the evening and passed around a sign up sheet for those that would like to help.

Senior Award – The application is online.

Liaison Reports

Council Budget – Suggestions: Video Camera Systems in Middle School, Dive Coach for the swim team, marching band uniforms for Macarthur.

\$ For Scholars – The new name is Levittown Schools Community Scholarship Inc. The current president is looking to resign.

Elementary Curriculum- Angela List reported they met on 11/19 and 12/17. They discussed the new report cards. The handbook is online under the Dept. of Instruction. Parents should have received their log on info for the Journeys program. Grade 5 has a new maturation video. Next meeting is 1/21. Report on file.

Food Service- The upcoming changes with the USDA won't affect lunch itself but will affect club functions (bake sales).

Health, Safety and Environment – There is a meeting next week. We still need a rep.

Secondary Curriculum – Angela List reported that they met on 11/25 and 12/19. They discussed the CARS & STARS and CAMS & STAMS programs. Frank Creter spoke about Project Lead the Way. Report on file.

New Business

Boys wrestling came in 3rd out of 20 in Locust Valley. There were no lights on in the parking lot after 5:30. Varsity Cheerleaders came in 3rd out of 12 in the NE Region competition. they will be going to Nationals.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Petrofsky