

Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2015

President Laura Brown called meeting to order at 7:38 pm. Pledge, quorum.

Recording Secretary – Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report – Pat Genco reported. The general fund had a starting balance on 3/2/15 of \$3,258.49 with income of \$336.94 and expenses of \$410.00 with a closing balance on 4/13/15 of \$3,185.43. The senior awards fund had a starting balance on 3/2/15 of \$3,673.03 with income of \$16,988.10 and expenses of \$730.41 with a closing balance on 4/13/15 of \$19,930.72.

Election – The following were elected as Officers of the DAHS PTSA for the 2015/2016 school year unanimously by the membership:

President: Laura Brown

1st VP: Pat Genco

2nd VP: Linda Pereira

3rd VP: Liz Kirk

Treasurer: Dawn Tiemer

Recording Secretary: Ann Johnson

Corresponding Secretary: Jen Benz

Congratulations to all!!!

President's report – This week's BOE meeting will have a vote on offering the teacher's a retirement incentive package, changes to step salary increases and multiple smaller items. The contract will run from 6/30/12 through 7/30/19. Next month Mr. Pastore will be attending our meeting next month to speak about the upcoming budget vote.

Principal's report – Mr. Coscia reports that Joey Napravishta won the Brookhaven Bridge contest. The Division Avenue Show People performed Guys and Dolls which was directed by Ryan Nolan and choreographed and produced by Alice LoGiudice. Lucretia Chang and Olivia Kavanaugh were selected to participate in LIU Post's Advanced Visions11: High School Artists of Excellence exhibition. Seven students placed in the top 10 for DECA, the competition was held in Rochester. The Science Olympiad finished 29th out of 54 teams. The Spring sports teams are in full swing. Many of our athletes have made their commitments to their colleges. We wish them all the best!!!

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP – Open position

2nd VP – Dani Jeffer 430 members: 116 staff, 185 parents and 129 students

3rd VP – Open position

Corresponding Secretary – Amanda Smithwick reports that a sympathy card was sent to Laura Brown.

Council Delegates – (open positions) 6 needed

Committee Reports –

Standing Committees:

Communications – Emails are still going out weekly. Face Book has 299 followers.

SEPTA – Liz Kirk reports the meeting was held on 3/30/15. The meeting was a Special Needs Resource Fair. There were many representatives present from organizations that filled the entire Board Room at Memorial.

Special Committees:

Agenda Books: Administration has requested that the Code of Conduct be included in the book. We need to order to have them in time for orientation. *Motion by Liz Kirk to order 150 books. Second. Discussion. All in favor, Motion carried.

Sweeps – Pat Genco reports that over 500 people attended. Thank you's were sent. The tentative date for next year is March 4.

Plant Sale - Place your orders online using PayPal. The deadline is April 24. Delivery will be May 7 with a pick up date of May 8. The sale of extra stock will take place May 8 and May 9. *Motion by Kathy Reilly to purchase a tent not to exceed \$100. Second. Discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Sr. Award – Linda reports that the application is on website and deadline is May 1st. Forms are available at the Guidance office.

Staff Appreciation – The event takes place in May. Laura Brown reports that a member is considering chairing this event. A donation sheet is going around.

Liaison Reports:

Elementary Curriculum – Lynn Petrofsky reports for Dawn Tiemer. Michelle Kelly spoke about literacy center classrooms. There were concerns regarding not being able to access the Journeys stories online. It was researched and found that the individual teachers have to create a library for the student under resources and assign the student reader to grant access. Regarding the refusal of state tests: The District policy is that teachers cannot take a personal stand in classrooms, personal feelings should remain personal. The next meeting is April 14.

Secondary Curriculum – The meeting was held on March 17. The district is possibly looking into piloting with this years 5th grade class a summer read for 6th grade. The district will be buying tablets for every 9th grader for the fall to use in the classroom. The next meeting is 4/23.

New Business – NYS PTA has stated that we can charge the surcharge for membership for those making electronic payments. *Motion by Liz Kirk to charge a surcharge for those using electronic payments. Second. Discussion. Motion is tabled until next month. *Motion by Kathy Reilly to use Kona Ice Truck for sports events. Second. Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 pm

Submitted by Lynn Petrofsky, Recording Secretary