Salk/MacArthur PTSA
Minutes of the General Meeting, 10/6/2014

Meeting opened by President Robin Cammarata, 7:35 p.m.
Exits noted.
Pledge
Treasurer's report approved.
Minutes from September, 2014 meeting reviewed and approved as written.
Quorum established.

Principals report: Mr. Zampaglione, Salk
- Yearbook photos will be on 10/8 – using Irvin Simon, can preview before purchase
- Club Fair was held, the club calendar will be up and running.
    - Mr. Romeo will be running the drama club.
    - The Rec club hosted an event at United Skates last week, with 300 students attending.
- Mr. Cirillo is the RISE employee of the month.
- Halloween dances will be held later in October, tickets are $5 in advance or at the door.
    - 6th grade (1st Salk Dance) – 10/23
    - 7-8 grade – 10/30
- Fall sports end first week in November.
- Winter 1 sports begin 2nd week in November: Boys basketball, girls volleyball
- LEADD walk & fair will be held on Sunday, 10/26.

Principals report: Mr. Sheehan & Mrs. Rao, MacArthur
- Sabrina Chasen won a medal from Rensellaer
- College mini fairs are taking place
- Pink Out football game will be held on Friday, 10/17

Presidents report: Robin Cammarata
- Preparation for National PTA Convention – need to vote on resolutions
- Presidents/Superintendents meeting:
    - Price of pictures – looking into more cost effective options
    - Food pantry – housed at Wisdom Lane, always looking for donations – encourage everyone to bring a non-perishable food item to each meeting.
- PTA conferences are available for all paid PTA members – schedules available
- Has flier for RISE discounted tickets
- Fliers being made up for Salk Spirit wear – sweatshirts, t-shirts, PJ bottoms, sweatpants, shorts.
- Mac spirit wear can be purchased via Volleyball, Cheerleaders, Yearbook and other clubs.
- Summer school was held at Salk – very successful

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Membership: Eileen Petrullo
- 328 total – see Eileen for membership cards.
- Cost of membership is $10, state takes $4, remainder is used to help fund Arts & Education at our schools as well as scholarships for graduating seniors. Other funds from sale of magnets, agenda books also contribute to these programs.
- From Laurie Weissman – creating email distribution, please be sure your email is correct/legible on the membership form, also check spam folder and allow emails from Salk.Macarthur.ptsa@gmail.com

District Committees – volunteers needed
- Elementary and Secondary Ed – Leslie Cassidy (notes provided separately)
- Food Service
- SEPTA
- Transportation
- Health & Safety
- Wellness
- Honorary Life – Scholarship dinner/dance will be held April 30, 2015 at Crest Hollow.
- LEADD – will have a table at the fair – welcome ideas
- Nominating committee – need 2 members from General Membership – will meet in January to elect new officers for the 2015/16 school year.
- Reflections – already started in Salk & MacArthur

Pat Assortato – Nassau Region PTA – attends each convention
Vote held for resolutions
Vote of confidence held for Pat & President Robin to attend convention and vote on behalf of the Salk/MacArthur PTSA
Motion – made by Jeannette Stevens, 2nd by Maureen Sawula, passed

Elly Skeggs – MMPA – High School Music activities for students in band, chorus, orchestra
- Fundraisers held, credits accumulate in individual student accounts which can be used for school trips, prom bids, etc.
- MMPA promotes music functions, fundraising proceeds go to summer music lesson grants and senior awards.
- Musical – Fiddler on the Roof, 11/20 at 7:30; 11/21 at 8:00. Will have basket raffle, snacks, MMPA t-shirts for sale.
- Contact via leaguelinup.com/mmpa on facebook
- Meetings are held in MacArthur cafeteria, first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker: Karen Acompora – parent of lacrosse player who was struck in chest and suffered sudden cardiac arrest.
- Announced free heart screening event taking place at LMEC, Saturday 10/25. All students are encouraged to attend; handouts with details available.

Meeting adjourned by Robin Cammarata at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by L. Weissman, Recording Secretary