

**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2014**

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

Recording Secretary- Minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer- Pat Genco - General Fund- opening balance on May 1, 2014 of \$3,292.39, expenses \$4,727.36, income \$3,694.83 closing balance on June 4, 2014 of \$3,178.27. Opening balance on June 5, 2014 of 3,178.27, Expenses \$58.11, income \$126.00, closing balance on July 5, 2014 \$3,246.62. Opening balance on July 5, 2014 of \$3,246.16, Expenses \$254.00, income \$1,777.65, closing balance on September 4, 2014 \$4,769.81. Senior Award Fund – Opening balance on May 1, 2014 of 15,533.42, Expenses \$13,487.80, closing checkbook balance on June 4, 2014 of \$2,045.62. Opening balance on June 5, 2014 of \$2,045.62, Expenses \$208.51, Income \$30.00, closing balance as of July 5, 2014 \$1,867.11. Opening balance on July 6, 2014 \$1,867.11, Expenses \$4.00, Income \$130.00, closing balance on September 4, 2014 \$1,993.11. May 1 to June 4 reconciliation was completed by Debe Howe, June 5 to July 5 reconciliation was completed by Pat Huber, Debe Howe and Liz Kirk and Mary Rickard reconciled the books from July 1 to July 31. Report filed for audit. Budget for 2014-2015 for the General Fund and Senior Award Fund presented to the general membership by Pat Genco. ***Motion:** Pat Huber “to adopt the budgets for the general and senior award funds as presented.” Second. Discussion. Question regarding bank fee that was answered by Pat Genco. Motion adopted.

Presidents Report – Laura Brown - Welcomed all back to school and introduced PTA Officers. It was asked that the membership save their questions regarding the bus mileage issue until the end. Committee sign-up sheets have been set up for all that would like to volunteer. Since Lynn Petrofsky no longer has a child in the school she would happily step down if anyone is interested in holding the position of Recording Secretary. The President / Superintendent meeting was held. There is a new phone system within the district, the school name is not stated when it calls out, only Nassau BOCES and the phones stop taking calls after school hours. Both of these issues will be looked into for correction. Report on file.

Principal Report: Mrs. Lorelli - Welcomed all back to school. New staff members were introduced. The 9th grade orientation for parents was very well attended as well as the student orientation. Fall Sports are in full swing. Matthew Brzezinski has made All – State Chorus. Marching Band begins their season at Brentwood HS this Sunday. Grade assemblies will be conducted next week. Report on File.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- OPEN POSITION

2nd VP – Dani Jeffer – 150 members.85 parents, 52 students and 13 staff.

3rd VP – OPEN POSITION

Corresponding Secretary- Amanda Smithwick- Thank you's received from Shelby Rickard, Andrew Lai, Shannon Nadolny and Lyndsey Petrofsky for their Senior Award.

Student Liaison: 11th grade James Lunetta: September 6 was the 4th summer food drive to collect items for the Thanksgiving food drive. The collection was rotated between Stop and Shop and King Kullen.

Council Delegates: OPEN POSITION (7 needed)

Committee Reports:

Standing Committees:

Arts in Education: The PTA is looking into a cyberbully/internet safety assembly. It is titled “The Internet – Scared Straight” presented by Jayne Hitchcock.

Communications: Anyone who has given their email address will be receiving postings of school happenings. Please visit our Face book page for daily news.

Legislation: Lynn Petrofsky- Announced that the NYS PTA Convention will be held in Saratoga Springs on November 14 – 16, 2014. It is a great experience to see the legislative process and how it works. Resolutions will be presented next month.

SEPTA: Liz Kirk - The first meeting will be October 6 @ 7:30. Terence Rusch is the new Special education Chairperson.

Special Committees:

Agenda Books: Laura Brown- on sale for \$5. We ordered 150 and have sold more than half at the 9th grade orientation. The Main Office has graciously offered to sell the remainder until the school store opens.

BJ's – Pat Genco – This fundraiser has gotten off to a good start. The first batch of subscribers has already been submitted.

Book Fair: Laura Brown- event will be at Barnes & Noble in Country Glen Center on Dec. 13th. A portion of all sales that day will be given to DAHS PTSA when you present a proof at register to have the sale counted. Students will be on hand to perform, assist and show off their artistic talents. More info to follow.

Division Avenue Sweeps: Dani Jeffer - scheduled for March 6 at 7pm in the DAHS gym. Committee has been getting letters mailed, emailing and faxing. Donations of bake goods, wrapped baskets, vendor solicitation, and helping hands the night of the event are needed. A sign-up sheet will be at the next meeting.

Levittown Tribune: Laura Brown- PTSA receives ½ of each subscription. You can find more information on website.

Plant Sale: We are using the same company (Gabrielson farms in Jamesport) that we used for the very successful spring plant sale. Pre-orders are due by 9/24 and pick up will be 10/10. You can place your order online using PayPal.

Reflections: OPEN POSITION – The theme is “The World would be a better place...”.

Senior Award: OPEN POSITION – Last year the Senior Award was given to 36 graduating seniors. **Motion* by Liz Kirk, “Students must be a member of the PTSA to apply for the Senior Award”. Second. Discussion. Motion Carried.

Liaisons:

Food Service: Pat Genco – The committee met on August 27 to meet the new Food Service Company Representatives from Aramark. They will adhere to the contract and work closely with bill Pastore and Bob Howard regarding issues or complaints. There was a question regarding having to pay for water bottles which was answered by Pat Genco. Report on File.

Health, safety and Environment: Mary Reilly would like to chair this committee.

New Business:

We have one more magnet left. We will be looking into magnets and clings for prices. We are also looking at prices for water bottles to give students as a gift but Cultural Arts is our first priority.

Dr. McDonald and Mr. Pastore will be discussing the bus mileage issue. The factors of the Child safety zone were discussed. There is a 15 point system that is extremely rigorous. If a referendum is passed major budget cuts would have to be made or we would need to pass the budget with a supermajority. **Motion* by Lynn Petrofsky to have the unit construct a letter to Mr. Mangano and our state officials. Second. Discussion. Dr. McDonald said the district would assist with this. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:57pm

Submitted by Lynn Petrofsky, Recording Secretary