

Division Avenue High School PTSA  
General Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2014

President Laura Brown called meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Pledge, quorum.

**Recording Secretary** - Lynn Petrofsky absent. Dani Jeffer took notes for minutes. Approval for last month's minutes are accepted as presented.

**President's report** – Laura Brown – There will be a district free heart screening, Oct 25. Foundation will like you to pre-register, but walk - ins are accepted, Ages 12 -23. At the President / Superintendent meeting today, the new procedure for handing out the graphing calculators was discussed. Summer school at MS went well, plan to reevaluate to see how kids did this year. Pay School will be available for some activities, such as Prom Bids, Driver Ed, bricks for the walkway. District is speaking with buildings to get this put in place. There will be a Pilot program for both high schools next year to offer an online course, most likely in Government for students to take. Report on file.

**Treasurer's report** – Pat Genco – General Fund September 5 opening balance of \$4769.81, expenses \$1516.19, income \$2875.19, closing balance October 6 of \$6128.81. Senior Award fund September 4 opening balance of \$1993.11, expenses \$2.00, income \$10.00, closing balance of \$2,001.11.

Mary Rickard makes a motion to move \$100 from Back to School Hospitality line to a new line "LEADD" and \$30 to the Cultural Arts line, Second and there is no discussion, all in favor, motion carried. Budget filed for audit.

**Principal's report** – Ms. Lorelli – Homecoming was September 20. Christina Reilly and Blerim Bandhi were crowned King and Queen. The competitive marching band has place 4<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 12 bands. 72 students received AP Scholar Awards. Three students were named National Hispanic Scholars. Guidance sponsored 2 mini college fairs. Back to school night was well attended. Report on file.

**Executive Committee Reports**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – Open position

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – Dani Jeffer - 311 members: 40 staff, 163 parents and 108 students

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP** – Open position

**Corresponding secretary** – Amanda Smithwick – A thank you card was sent to KONO Ice of Long Island for their support during the Homecoming game.

**Student Liaison** – we need sophomore liaison

**Council Delegates** – (open positions) 6 needed

**Standing Committees:**

**SEPTA** – meeting will be held tonight

**BJ's** – Pat Genco - 31 members estimated profit \$155 dollars and the fundraiser ends on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We have approximately 311 members who will participate in drawing for free 12 month BJ's membership. Report on file.

**Book fair** – Marion Renda – Event will take place on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 more info next meeting.

**Sweeps** – Pat Genco – We received 3 table reservations tonight, event is on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We need help in all aspects, donations of baskets, cakes, etc. We have "begging letters", some mailings to businesses have already gone out and we have donations from NY Hall of Science, NY Lizards and Hall of Fame so far.

**Honorary Life** – Pat Genco – Honorary life letters went out. The deadline is November 7. A sign up sheet is going around if you are interested in serving on this committee.

**Plant Sale** – Pat Genco - is anyone available to help sort and sell plants on Friday morning.

**Reflections** – Debe Howe - Reflections, kids get from English teachers, National PTA event, and winners to Nassau Region, and any questions, contact Debe Howe.

**Resolutions** – Laura Brown for Lynn Petrofsky – The following was explained:

Retentions (every 7 years)

Updates (change wording)

New Resolutions – All three new resolutions were authored by units from Nassau Region.

All should return the resolution checklist.

An item of concern is a retail store opening up near Arthur's Barber shop on Hempstead Tpke to be named Elizard and they will sell e cigarettes.

**Sr. Award Fund** – Pat Genco - seniors to be PTSA members and forms will be in guidance.

**Staff Appreciation** – need chair (not until May)

**Secondary Curriculum** – Mary Rickard – Project Lead the Way will be offered at the HS level. Intro to Engineering will be the first and more classes will be offered each year. All curriculum associates have been moved to DAHS. Next meeting is October 16. Report on file.

**Food service** – Pat Genco – Meeting was held on 9/17. A committee was formed to revise the cafeteria checklist for food service reps to use while visiting schools. Report on file.

**Dollars for Scholars** – open position

**New Business** – A parent mentioned a problem on Division Avenue regarding drop off in morning and questions why parents do not drop kids off in the proper place?

Mary Rickard addresses this: police do nothing, advises to ask district to do a "traffic study", she suggests going to the BOE meeting and letting the board hear her concern.

One parent mentions a crossing guard but Mary says the high school is not entitled.

Motion for Laura Brown and Lynn Petrofsky to get vote of confidence to vote on behalf of DAHS PTSA, second, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm