

Levittown Council of PTAs  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2010

President Esta Lachow called Meeting to order at 7:30. Secretary Susan Giuliano present.

Minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting approved as distributed.

**President** - Esta Lachow –Thank you to SEPTA for hospitality. Gave reminders and announcements: meetings are being recorded, please come to podium or use microphone when addressing the group. Last month's meeting minutes will be on the District website. Nassau region flyers shared, Winter Conference information, Leg/Ed Conference in Albany 2/27-2/28. Wednesday, February 3, 2010 there is Parliamentary Workshop here at LMEC, please pre-register. Esta reflected on her Presidency thus far, how the goals of PTA are being advanced; how we must work together for the good of the children; Executive Committee rescinded taping of President/Superintendent meetings - only General Membership meetings will be recorded. Report on file.

#### **Executive Committee Reports**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – Happy New Year, Information Binder going around.

**Treasurer's Report: General Fund:** Opening (11/18/09-01/07/10)\$9,583.05, Closing(11/18/09-01/07/10)\$9,611.92. Scholarship: Opening(11/18/09-01/07/10)\$6,259.37, Closing(11/18/09-01/07/10)\$6,259.37. **Motion:** To accept the budget as presented. All in favor, ***motion passed***. Discussion of IRS, filing of taxes, proper protocol and procedures. Reminder to use return receipt when mailing taxes, have unit treasurer call IRS to confirm receipt of taxes. Report on file.

**Superintendent's Report:** Ms. Rifkin, Asst. Sup. Administration and Personnel, (Dr. Sirois sends apologies for simultaneous meetings) – Ms. Rifkin discussed fire at Division Ave. High School. Thank you to community for getting communication out, fire has been classified as arson, there is an ongoing investigation. Damage is covered by insurance. Needs assessment will be going home with report cards.

#### **Standing Committees:**

**Council Budget** – Esta Lachow – Three meetings, great deal of communication, 3 areas to explore have been identified, looking for grants, 5-tier Budget plan. Report on file.

**Health, Safety, Environment** – Security issues, 2020 Committee has a HSE sub-committee, Next meeting 2/3/10 10:30am

**Audit** – Lisa Vanderburg - Mid-year audit was completed – audited 7/01/09-12/31/09 – books were in good order.

**Legislation** – Diane Shapiro – Nassau Region Winter Conference 1/28/10, Legislation Brunch at Hofstra 3/6/10, 9-12.

**Curriculum** – Secondary – next meeting 1/28/10

#### **Special Committees**

**Meet the Candidates** – Still in need of chairperson. Angela List volunteered.

**Nominating** – Slate will be presented in February. Salk is back-up Chairperson.

**Reflections** – Marjorie Young – Nassau Region judging is complete. Levittown has advanced to State in every category except video. All students will be getting invitations to annual reception. Reception to be held last week in April.

**Scholarship Dinner/Dance** – Debe Howe – Names in from all units. Still missing passport photos, pins should have been ordered. Hard copies of invites will be sent to Co-Presidents and Chairs. Checks payable to: Levittown Council of PTAs.

#### **Liaisons**

**Bond Watcher/Capital Improvements** – Jill Rovenger – Report on file.

**Dollars for Scholars** – Cindy Mulz - Look for mailing. Next meeting is 1/25.

**Food Service** – Marjorie Young – Products that should be in vending machines are not, shared NY Times article re: ammonia in meat, how to deal with issues discussed/protocol, history of Food Service Cmte discussed, concerns and comments regarding long standing issues with food service (i.e. hair nets, inadequate amounts of food, food quality/taste), outdated food discussed, health inspection reports requested-Ms. Rhatigan will look into Esta asked for a subcommittee to be formed to discuss Food Service issues. . **Motion:** Have Marjorie Young, on behalf of Council, speak to Board of Education, All in favor, ***motion passed***.

**LEADD** – T-shirt design selected, Gary Hudes will be Grand Marshall. T-shirt orders to start 1/8/10. Need to generate more sales. Report on file.

**Enrichment** – Back to School Night in December, mentorships will take place in February and March. Parent Teacher Conferences in March. Report on file.

**GC Tech** – M. Emeric - Senior Prom is 5/14, LMEC, 6:00-9:30pm, Mardi Gras theme, PTA volunteers needed.

**Teacher's Center** – Susan Giuliano - budget needed to be cut 12.5%, Center open to all district residents, extension 671 at LMEC.

**Presidential Appointed Liaisons** –no report

**SEPTA** – Susan McCormick & Scott Haas – Next meeting is 1/26 at 7:30. LMEC, Ronnie Stoll, Fat City presenter.

### **New Business**

Dr. Steve Dewey will be coming to do Parent Workshop in April. Will be at Wisdom, 1/13/10 9:15-11:30. Topic: How drugs and alcohol affect bodies.

Invitation to Bellmore SEPTA 1/13/10 – presentation by International Dyslexia Assoc, "Take a Walk in their Shoes".

Question: PTA told librarian could not accept book donations – Mrs. Rifkin will look into it.

### **Dates to remember**

1/13	7:30pm	Board of Education Regular Meeting
1/14	7:30pm	Food Service Meeting
1/19	9:30am	Elementary Curriculum Meeting
1/25	7:00pm	Dollars for Scholars Meeting
1/26	7:30pm	SEPTA Meeting
1/27	7:30pm	Board of Education Planning Meeting
1/28	10:00am	Secondary Curriculum Meeting
1/28	7:15pm	Nassau Region PTA Winter Conference
2/1	9:30am	Presidents/Superintendent Meeting
2/3	10:00am	Health & Safety Meeting
2/3	7:00pm	Parliamentary Workshop (LMEC)
2/10	7:30pm	Board of Education Regular Meeting
2/11	7:30pm	Food Service Meeting
2/15		Winter Recess!!!!
2/23	9:30am	Elementary Curriculum Meeting
2/23	7:30pm	SEPTA Meeting
2/24	7:30pm	Board of Education Planning Session #1
2/25	10:00am	Secondary Curriculum Meeting
2/25	7:30pm	PTA Council Meeting
2/27-2/28		NYS PTA Leg/Ed Conference

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Susan Giuliano, Secretary

Approved Thursday, February 25, 2010