

**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2013**

PTSA President Mary Rickard called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. Pledge, quorum.

Presidents Report – Mary Rickard- Welcomed all back to school and introduced new administrators, Mrs. Lorelli-Principal, Ms.Dolecek and Mr.Coscia-Assistant Principals, Ms. Phillips-Guidance Chair and Mr. Powers representing the Board of Education. At the President / Superintendent meeting Dr. Grossane stated that there were no major issues with the opening of school. Division's cafeteria will be up and running hopefully by the end of the week. The district completed their energy audit. The findings have been sent to the state education department for approval to make efficiency changes that will hopefully save money for the district. Students had a more difficult time reaching the mastery level on Regents exams countywide as compared to years past. There is a committee chair sign- up sheet for those who would like to volunteer their services. Many hands make light work. Report on file.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- Laura Brown- reviewed the 5 upcoming fundraisers for the general fund which include: Agenda Books (\$5.00 each), Local Merchant Coupon Card (\$10.00 each) in conjunction with Abbey Lane, A Family Fun Event- Islanders Game in conjunction with Wisdom Lane (tickets \$45.00 each) on November 2 at 7:00PM vs. the Boston Bruins and our 4th annual Barnes & Noble book fair on Saturday, December 14 from noon to 2:00PM. The Levittown Tribune (\$20.00 for 1 year) profits will go to the Senior Award Fund. Report on file.

2nd VP – Angela List – 135 members.78 parents,54 students and 3 staff.

Recording Secretary- Minutes of the June 3, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Corresponding Secretary- Amanda Smithwick- Thank you received from Joanna Basillico, Kathleen Kissane, Kristen Sweeney and Kate Murray

Treasurer- Pat Genco - General Fund- opening balance on July 1, 2013 of \$3,292.39, expenses \$2.26, income \$30.26 closing balance on July 31 2013 of \$3,320.39. Opening balance on August 1, 2013 of \$3,320.39, Expenses \$238.57, income \$1,695.00, closing balance on September 9, 2013 4,776.82. Senior Award Fund- opening balance on July 1, 2013 \$1,502.53, expenses \$2.29, income \$.29 closing balance as of July 31, 2013 \$1,500.53. Opening balance on August 1, 2013 \$1,500.53, income \$100.00, closing balance on September 9, 2013 \$1,600.53. July reconciliation was completed by Kevin Genco and August reconciliation was completed by Laura Brown. Report filed for audit. Budget for 2013-2014 for the General Fund and Senior Award Fund presented to the general membership by Pat Genco. ***Motion:** Liz Kirk “to adopt the budgets for the general and senior award funds as presented.” Second. Discussion. Question on removing budget lines that was answered by Pat Genco. Motion adopted. Laura Brown explained the PayPal program to the unit. Many questions were asked and answered. ***Motion:** Pat Genco” to move forward with PayPal for fundraisers”. Second. Discussion. There will be no refunds through PayPal; all refunds will be issued by PTSA check. Motion adopted.

Student Liaison: 10th grade James Lunetta: Everything is going well. The pizza is good for lunch. 11th grade Christina Reilly: Everything is good.

Principal Report: Mrs. Lorelli - Welcomed all back to school. She is so happy to be the Principal of Division. She bleeds Division blue and is the Mother of Dragons. It is very humbling and exhilarating at the same time. She is working with a terrific team. The first 9th grade summer orientation for parents was very well attended as well as the student orientation. Pre-assessments have been given. Teachers went over the summer for training. We should take the good parts of every initiative and make it work. Fall sports are in full swing. We now have a broadcast club that will do the morning announcements every morning at 8:09. They can also be seen online so everyone should know what is going on. The cafeteria is so beautiful but has been delayed a couple of days due to upcoming inspections. The Board of Ed and Central office were instrumental in providing free lunch (pizza, salad and sandwiches) for the students. The unit was told of upcoming dates for the students.

Committee reports:

Standing Committees:

***Audit:** Angela List- both the general and senior awards accounts were audited by the committee and found to be in order. A signed copy of the report has been submitted to the recording secretary for file. The Audit Committee were Angela List (chair), Donna Papa, Debra Howe, Mary Rickard, Lisa Curran and Thomas Huber.

Hospitality: We need a chair for this committee. We will be hosting Council on April 29.

Legislation: Lynn Petrofsky- Announced that the NYS PTA Convention will be held in Saratoga Springs on November 15 – 17, 2013. It is a great experience to see the legislative process and how it works.

SEPTA: Liz Kirk has offered to chair this committee.

Youth Issues: Lyndsey Petrofsky- Will be presenting at future meetings.

Special Committees:

Agenda Books: Laura Brown- on sale for \$5. We make approx. \$2.50 per book profit. We ordered 150 and have sold 100 so far, if you need one you should make your purchase quickly.

Book Fair: Laura Brown- event will be at Barnes & Noble in Country Glen Center on Dec. 14th. 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.

Bylaws: Lynn Petrofsky- Announced that there will be a vote next month to update the bylaws to include alternates to the nominating committee. The pros and cons were explained. Mary spoke about the nominating committee and it was mentioned that all who are elected should attend the Nomination and Election workshop at Fall Conference.

Division Avenue Sweeps: Dani Jeffer - scheduled for March 7 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 was passed around. Some of the “yes” responses have been from NY Giants, NY Jets, Disney, and Green Mountain Coffee. Report on file.

Levittown Tribune: Laura Brown- PTSA receives \$8 per subscription. Information on website. Funds go into Senior Award account. Report on file.

Reflections: Debe Howe will chair this committee.

Senior Award: Pat Huber will be chairing this committee.

Liaisons:

Council Budget: A liaison is needed for this committee.

Dollars for Scholars: Debe Howe will be the liaison.

Elementary Curriculum: A liaison is needed for this committee.

Food Service: A liaison is needed for this committee.

Health, safety and Environment: A liaison is needed for this committee.

Secondary Curriculum: A liaison is needed for this committee.

Transportation: A liaison is needed for this committee.

Wellness: A liaison is needed for this committee.

New Business:

Angela list announced that the cheerleaders will be hosting a car wash to raise funds to go to National's. There is no set price; the cost is whatever you would like to donate.

Mary thanked the executive committee. She was very nervous about being a solo President but the officers have all been so supportive. She knows we will have a great year.

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm

Submitted by Lynn Petrofsky, Recording Secretary