

**Division Avenue High School PTSA  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2014**

Call to order by Mary Rickard at 7:38pm. Pledge, quorum.

**Presidents Report:** Mary Rickard spoke about the snow days used. There will be a delay of Common Core testing. Welcome to Frank Ward and Mike Pappas, BOE members.

**Executive Committee Reports**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP-** Laura Brown contacted Hicks, White Post Farms and Martin Viette Nursery for prices for the plant sale. A & M Seasonal Corner will also be contacted. Laura suggests a pre- sale for flats of flowers and vegetables and hanging plants. The NY Yankees are very interested in doing a game with us. We were given choices of weekend games when school was still in session. We would receive 25% off the price of tickets and an additional 25% off since we are a registered 501(c) 3 organization. Tickets that are normally \$48.00 would cost the unit \$24.00; if we charged \$30.00 we would make a profit of \$6.00.

\*Motion by Kathy Reilly to move forward with the Yankee Fundraiser for May 31/June 1. Second. All in favor. Motion carried. \*Motion by Kathy Reilly to sell the Yankee tickets for \$30.00 making a profit of \$6.00 each ticket. Second. All in favor. Motion carried. There are additional coupon cards leftover. The unit has taken a loss on them and they expire in September. \*Motion by Liz Kirk to lower the price of the coupon cards to \$5.00. Second. All in favor. Motion carried. Report on file.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – Angela List is still in Florida with the cheerleaders.

**Recording Secretary-** The minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Corresponding Secretary** – A sympathy card was sent to Mary Lynn Borst due to the passing of her mother and we also received a thank you card from the Borst Family.

**Treasury-** Pat Genco reported. General Fund starting balance on January 1, 2014 was \$2,255.53, deposits of \$843.44, expenses \$113.79, closing balance on January 31, 2014 of \$2,985.18. Senior Award Fund opening balance on January 1, 2014 of \$1,524.66, deposit \$120.00, expenses \$449.59, closing balance on January 31, 2014 of \$1,195.07. Report on File.

**Council Delegate** – The following items were discussed: DAHS cafeteria, budget presentations, adopt family, arts in Ed, meet the candidate night, the need for a DAHS food service rep.

**Principals Report-** Mrs. Lorelli reported. Midterm/Finals/Regents week was held the last week in January. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Digital Media students were honored at County Executive Ed Mangano's office for creating a PSA against the use of drugs. Numerous students represented DAHS at the All County Music Festival. Girls Varsity Basketball is Conference Champs. We have two All County Champs in Track and Field. The Varsity Cheerleaders were in Orlando competing with teams from across the country. The Varsity Wrestling Team are ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the County. The Varsity Bowling team won their conference. Chris Reilly and Brandon Soedarmasto competed in the Nassau County Individuals Tournament, Chris placed #4 and Brandon is #1 in the County. Upcoming events: Senior Recital, Europe Trip, Spirit Week and Emmy Night. Thanks to the administration for running a successful membership campaign. They were able to double the teacher and staff membership to 100. Report on file.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Communications** – We have 107 likes on Face Book.

**Legislation-** Lynn Petrofsky will be attending the Legislation/Education Conference in Albany on March 1 & 2.

**SEPTA-**Liz Kirk reported. The meeting was held on January 13. They had speakers from the Nassau County PAL Special Needs Unit who spoke about all the amazing programs that are available for children aged 5 to 21. The next meeting is on February 10.

## **Special Committees**

**Audit-** A mid- year audit needs to be scheduled. A request for members to sign up for this committee was made.

**Honorary Life-** Mr. Chiti is the Division awardee this year. The event is April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Crest Hollow Country Club. The theme for the evening is "A night on Broadway".

**Reflections-**Debe Howe reported that they received 11 literature, 14 photography and 1 dance entry.

**Nominating** – \*Motion by Pat Genco to elect Kathy Reilly and Pat Huber to be the General Members on the nominating committee. Second. All in favor one opposed. Motion carried. Dani Jeffer, Donna papa and Gaby Herbert will be representing the Executive Board. Dani Jeffer is temporary chair.

**Sweeps-** Dani Jeffer reports. The tables are selling out quickly. Many donations have been collected.

**Senior Award** – The application is online. Deadline is in May.

## **Liaison Reports**

**Council Budget** – The report will be given Thursday night.

**Levittown Schools Community Scholarship Inc.** – They are awaiting 501 (c) (3) approval. There will be a Zumba night at LMEC, upon approval. A letter will be going out to all families in the district.

**Elementary Curriculum** – **The meeting was held on January 21.** Changes are being made to the elementary report card. There have been grading inconsistencies reported when something has yet to be taught in class. Next meeting is February 14.

**Food Service** - No report. Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

**Health, Safety and Environment** – The committee is requesting issue areas from throughout the district due to the snow and ice. There are many concerns regarding students not crossing the street at the crosswalks.

**Secondary Curriculum** – Meeting was on January 28. Keith Snyder, Valerie Spicer – Carillo and Brian Maloney came to discuss the updated health curriculum. Ken Slentz, from NYSED, will be at Wisdom lane January 29. Proposal to the BOE for some type of middle school program for students at that level who do not pass their English and/or Math classes. 2 schools did not make the 95% participation rate for state assessments.

## **New Business**

The Humanitarian Club is collecting jeans for homeless children.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Petrofsky