

**Division Avenue High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014**

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

Presidents Report: Mary Rickard reported that Salk suffered a loss of a 6th grade student. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and the Salk Community. Budget season is upon us. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in the process to see where your tax dollars are going. The High Schools will be offering some new engineering electives as part of "Project Lead the Way". The board will be deciding on whether we will be offering a tax waiver for Veterans. Pre-prom workshop is being held March 18 at DAHS and April 1 at MacArthur. Report attached.

Executive Committee Reports

1st VP- Laura Brown reported that the NY Yankees Fundraiser has been booked for May 31 at 1:05 PM against the Twins. Tickets are \$30.00 each, regularly \$48.00. Deadline is April 11 to order tickets. The potential plant sale will be discussed next meeting. Report attached.

2nd VP- Angela List reports that we have 416 members, 112 Staff, 174 Parents, 123 Students and 7 Community Members.

Recording Secretary- Lynn Petrofsky presents minutes from the 2/10/14 meeting which are accepted as presented.

Corresponding Secretary- no report.

Treasury- Pat Genco reports that the General Fund- opening balance on 2/1/14 \$2,985.18, expenses \$506.50, income 565.00, closing balance on 2/28/14 \$3,043.68. Senior Award fund opening balance on 2/1/14 \$1,195.07, expenses \$89.13, income \$975.00, closing balance on 2/28/14 \$2,080.94. Last month's reconciliation was completed by Debe Howe. Kathy Reilly reconciled this month's books and everything is in order. Report filed for audit.

Council Delegate- Debbie Rifkin discussed changes to common core and snow day issues. Angela List and Mary Rickard were awarded for their advocacy efforts.

Student Liaison- No Report.

Principals Report – Mrs. Lorelli reported. Savvas Papadopoulos with an average of 100.90 is the Class Valedictorian. Lyndsey Petrofsky with an average of 99.4 is the Class Salutatorian. Student scheduling for the 14/15 school year is complete. Science Olympiad earned medal in 9 or the 22 events at the Regional Competition. They earned 5th place in the Region and qualified for the State Competition. 65 language students traveled to Europe. On 2/11 over 50 students participated in the Talent Showcase. Emmy Night and Spirit Week were a success. Girls Basketball finished 1st in their conference. Boys Bowling won its conference and finished 7th in the County. Co-ed Winter Track had 2 1st place county champs, Samantha Pollucci and Bjorn Bjornssen. The Wrestling Team placed 5th out of 42 in the County Tournament.

Standing Committee Reports

Communications- Laura Brown reports that we have 123 Facebook likes.

Legislation- Lynn Petrofsky reports on the Legislative/Education Conference that was held on March 1 and 2 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. Report attached.

SEPTA-Liz Kirk reported that the March 10 meeting was cancelled but has been rescheduled to 3/31. They are conducting a Yankee Candle fundraiser.

Special Committees

Division Avenue Sweeps- Dani Jeffer reported that the event will be held on Friday. We have 10 \$2.00 baskets and 125 \$1.00 baskets. Doors will open for Chinese auction at 3pm and sweeps doors will open at 6pm.

Honorary Life – The event is 4/24. Mr. Chiti is the recipient.

Nominating Committee – Dani Jeffer reported the following proposed slate for the 2014/2015 school year:

President: Laura Brown

1st VP:

2nd VP: Dani Jeffer

3rd VP:

Treasurer: Pat Genco

Corresponding Secretary: Amanda Smithwick

Recording Secretary: Lynn Petrofsky

As per our bylaws, any further nominations must be submitted in writing no later than April 3rd to the attention of Dani Jeffer.

Reflections – The finalists will be presented at next month's meeting. Next year's theme is "The World Would be a Better Place if....."

Senior Awards- The application is online with a deadline of 5/2.

Staff Appreciation- Gabby Herbert and Alicia Ramos will chair. They are looking for dates in May.

Liaison Reports

Council Budget- The committee gave their report to Council. They suggested to add CPR and allergy training. They will present to the BOE on 3/5.

LSCS – The letters are being printed. There will be a Zumba fundraiser. Application will be available at the schools.

Elementary/Secondary Curriculum- Mary Rickard reported. They discussed changes in the implementation of Common Core that have come down from the state. The idea of some parent workshops to help introduce elementary parents to some of the resources available to them to assist their children was discussed. The next secondary meeting will be 4/22 and Elementary is 4/8. Report attached.

Food Service- Pat Genco reported. A quality control check list from each school was discussed. March is yogurt month. The week of the 17th there will be taste testing in all of the schools. The USDA guidelines were discussed in brief. The next meeting is 3/19.

Health, Safety and Environment – There were discussions on the Code of Conduct and Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

New Business – The military no longer accepts a GED. This was discussed at the Leg/Ed Conference by Dr. Bill Daggett

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by Lynn Petrofsky