

Northside PTA General Membership Meeting on September 27, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Jennifer Sampugnaro. Pledge.

President's Report: Jen S. introduced the Executive Board members of the 2016-2017 Northside PTA. We see a lot of new faces tonight. Please get involved in the PTA. We have some great committees so please see signup sheets on the tables. The kids get excited when they see you in school. We have activities in the daytime and evening so everyone can participate. The Pelican's Nest (school store) needs parents to volunteer. The students will be visiting the store on Thursdays. Please sign up on the signup sheet. Any questions about any committee(s), we are here to help you.

Principal's Report: Mr. Mortillaro: Thank you for coming tonight parents, teachers, and PTA members. I would like to welcome all of the new hires at Northside. We had some new safety procedures done. We had asbestos abatement removal. All is clear and successfully removed. There are now carbon monoxide detectors put in every classroom. We have emergency drills scheduled if the carbon monoxide detector goes off. District lead tests on water fountains and sinks. Our building had every single faucet tested. Any sinks that were questionable (2) have been shut off. We are looking forward to the Halloween parade and party in gym. Photo booths, games and treats will be present. October 21st is our first Family Literacy Hoedown night. Welcome Mrs. Ganga as our new co- president.

Mrs. Anspach: Mad Science will be back in our school. We have some great after school hands on science programs. STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) and Lego Robotics Club. They are interactive and require teamwork and kids love them. Reminder Back to School Night is tomorrow night. District is having a Parent University workshop on November 9th from 6-9pm involving study skills, digital media, mathematics, Journey's program, health and fitness, and writing skills. More information to come.

1st V.P.: no report

2nd V.P.: Membership is going well. We currently have 70 members so far. Theme is "Many Hands Make Light Work." Please send in your membership forms.

3rd V.P.: Fundraiser is under way. Pamphlets are on table. Money and order forms due October 5th and kids can win a lot of prizes.

4th V.P.: no report

Recording Secretary: Please look over the minutes from the May 24th meeting. Any corrections? Minutes stand as written.

Treasurer's Report: June 30, 2016- September 27, 2016- opening balance is \$15,592.33, expenses \$2,241.58, total income \$7,447.05, closing balance \$20,797.80.

Corresponding Secretary: A card was sent to Ms. Fleigner who lost her mother.

Council Delegate: The Council President, Mary Rickard, discussed the necessity for each Chapter to ensure that policies and procedures are being adhered to within each school's PTA. 1st V.P. informed every one of the BOCES/ LI School for the Performing Arts program that was reinstituted in Levittown School District. 2nd V.P. discussed the success of selling Jets tickets to November 27th game. Treasurer presented new budget. Superintendent MacDonald reviewed the past weekends' MacArthur and Division homecoming events. Bill Pastore listed all of the Capital Improvements that either begun or to be started in the near future throughout the district.

Standing Committees:

Cultural Arts: Family Literacy Hoedown night is on Friday, October 21st.

Family Fun: Movie night was a great success. We are currently working on Family Literacy night as well as Halloween party preparations.

Hospitality: Thank you Tricia Porcasi, Dawn Watson and Jennifer Messina for setting up and baking cookies.

SEPTA: Krista Taormina is president. You do not have to have a child with an I.E.P. to join. We encourage you to get involved. Our entire executive board consists of all Northside moms. October 24th is next meeting.

Special Committees:

Audit Committee: Met on 7/19/16 to conduct the Year End Audit. Those in attendance were: Elaine DeBono, Cheryl Denecke, Jeanette Badger, Mari Ganga, Jennifer Sampugnaro, Angela List. All was found to be in order.

Bake Sale: Tomorrow at Back to School Night I need more volunteers to bake and help sell. Baked goods must be nut free and ready to sell.

Budget Committee: Met on 7/19/16 to create the proposed 2016-2017 budget. Those in attendance were Mari Ganga, Jennifer Sampugnaro, Krista Hill, Cheryl Denecke, and Jean Wyckoff.

Fall Photos: September 22nd was fall photos with Class Act Photography. Those that were absent or interested in retakes, the date is scheduled for November 16th. Reminders will be sent out as date becomes closer. Thank you to all parents and PTA members who helped out.

Fifth Grade T-Shirts: They were handed out on 9/15 for the panoramic.

Fifth Grade Yearbook: Currently meeting with vendors.

LEADD: October 30th is a parade and event at Memorial. They will have give aways and positive encouragement for the kids.

Reflections: This year's entries need to be in by November 1st. Flyers will be sent home by the end of the week. Theme is "What's Your Story?" All grades participate and there is an artist category as well. Mr. Mortillaro approved no homework passes for all who enter.

Spirit Wear: Lin Testamark presented 3 different companies. Lin then made a motion to use Unique Impressions in Bethpage. Jean Wyckoff seconds it. All in favor. No opposed.

Liaisons Reports:

High School- Division Ave.: no report

Middle School- Wisdom: no report

Levittown Schools Community Scholarship: no report

Student Council: no report

Old Business: Box Tops- Whoever wants to chair, needs to do so soon because it's already late September. Faith discusses what's involved in chairing Box Tops for Education.

New Business: Bylaws need to be updated every 3 years. If anyone wants to see them, please see co-presidents. Two changes have been made. Page 6, Article 7, Section 2. Pelican's Nest now has a morning time session. It goes until December 22nd and has 2 parents for each session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.