

General Membership Meeting on November 15, 2016

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by Jen Sampugnaro. Pledge.

President's Report: Thank you for coming out tonight. Thank you to Pack 318 for cleaning up the school's sign with Cheryl Denecke. Congratulations to all Student Council members. We are participating in Adopt-A-Family. Forms are being passed around. All donations need to be in before the break. Committees still need chairs. Please see us if you're interested. Signup sheet for Pelican's Nest is on desk. There is no December meeting.

Principal's Report: Hello everyone. In Cultural Arts, Mad Science is beginning. We are trying to find some clubs for K-2 grades. We have Rough Riders here for LEADD. Pumpkin Patch for kindergarten went well. The kids had fun at the LEADD parade. The Emergency Shelter Drill on Nov. 4th went very well. The kids were great. Get-A-Voice Hip Pickles was awesome. The Halloween parade and party great too. Thank you to all who helped out especially Lin Testamark and Mari Ganga for organizing it all. Terrific Kids Award is today. We have our Student Council members officially announced. All of the kids' speeches were great. This year of speeches may have been best they've ever been. All of the kids are winners. We have the 5th grade Plaza trip coming up. The A.I.S. Services Workshop was great. I hope the parents were informed. Nov. 23rd report cards will be available. Parent-Teacher Conferences are on Nov. 17th and 18th. Thanksgiving is coming up so no school on the 24th and 25th.

1st V.P.: If you signed up to chair a committee, please see me. We have 6 committees that still need chairs so please see us if you're interested.

2nd V.P.: We currently have 183 members and I am continuing to collect membership dues. I have sent an email to state membership chairperson Dania Welch to inquire about the online payments and how we go about getting our payment from them.

3rd V.P.: Fall Fundraiser: We sold \$8916 of merchandise, which makes \$3352 for our school. Delivery is 11/16 during the school day and frozen foods will be given after school at 7pm.

4th V.P.: Mrs. Meehan- We have a signup sheet for volunteers for Pelican's Nest during the day. FB posts can help see when your child's class will be there.

Recording Secretary: If everyone could please look over the minutes from last month's meeting. Any corrections? Minutes stand.

Treasurer: October 16, 2016-November 14, 2016- Opening balance \$18,676.77 Expenses \$7,123.02 Income \$10,284.00 Closing Checkbook Balance \$21,837.75

Corresponding Secretary: PTA sent out a sympathy card to a member for personal issues.

Council Delegates: Adopt A Family program is in its 8th year. It's 100% anonymous; no names of recipients are shared. Two of our schools participated in Newsday Marching Band Festival. The MacArthur Swim Team makes Conference Championships. The MacArthur girls Varsity Soccer is in the playoffs. Levittown School District Hall Of Fame is being formed. Honorary Life is April 20th so send in your nominations ASAP.

Standing Committees:

Cultural Arts: On 10/21 we had our first family Literacy Hoedown that featured Foot & Fiddle, a square dance caller. We received great feedback. On 10/25 Hip Pickles performed an assembly for all children as part of our LEADD week. Dec. 14th- all day assembly for 4th grade, Journeys: Into American Indian Territory. Jan 30-Feb 3 is game 4.

Council Budget: no report

Elementary Curriculum: On 10/20 we met and spoke about how to register for Parent University. Hoping to have another in late winter, early spring. Levittown Hall of Fame will recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves by their contribution in their field of work, study or athletics. Nominee must have graduated from either Division, Memorial or MacArthur a minimum of 10 years prior to the nomination. Nomination forms will be available on the district website on or before Dec 1.

Health, Safety and Environment: no report

Family Fun: Halloween Party was a great success. All grades were accommodated and participated. The kids all got candy and photos. Next event is the Valentine's dance scheduled for Friday, February 10th. Slingo is in mid-March. Date to follow. Sign up list for baskets will be in the office right after the holidays. Current list of categories are: Candy, Craft, Superhero, Pet Lover's, Baking, Cooking, Artist, Music, Sports, Pamper Mom, Treats for Dad, Best BDay ever, Pasta Lover, Movie Night In, Game Night In, Trip to the Orient, Animals, Baby Girl, Baby

Boy, Good Health, Coffee Lover, Tea Drinker, Car Care, Teacher's Delight, Entertaining, Around the House, Princess, Clean Up, Tween Favorites.

Food Service: The younger grades don't seem to have enough time to eat lunch.

Hospitality: Thank you Tricia Porcasi!

Pelican Supply Store: Orders went out but not completed.

Secondary Curriculum: Met on 10/27 and spoke about a social studies packet that some children received on activities related to this year's election. A large portion of the packet was inappropriate for 6th graders. Packets were taken back and slimmed down.

SEPTA: Fall Festival held on 10/24 and had a great turnout. Music and face painting for kids as well as cupcake decorating. Next meeting is 11/28 at 7:30pm at LMEC and the speaker is Julie Yindra who will discuss transitioning.

The Pelican: Letters of interest have been sent out. Miss Tintle has received about 25 responses so far. The club will be meeting on Tuesdays after school. Start date tentatively set for Dec 6th.

Special Committees:

Bake Sale: no report

Budget Committee: no report

Environmental Committee: Boy Scouts Pack 318 helped me clean up the entire school property. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Holiday Boutique: Will take place Dec. 15th and 16th in Library. Set up on Dec. 14th still need volunteers to help out.

Honorary Life: Deadline for nominations is Friday, Nov 18th so get your letters in!

LEADD: Went very well. Beautiful day with a great turnout.

Nominating Committee: No report

PARP: Feb 3rd-17th - Pokémon themed- "Got to Catch Them All" Bookmark Contest- Dress up days; Pokémon needs a rest (pajama day), Pokémon healthy snack. Assembly & guest readers.

Pictures: Pictures were taken on Sept 22nd have been distributed to those paid in full. Retakes are on Nov.16th where the faculty, student council and music department will take them as well.

Product Labels/ Box Tops: Top 3 classes are Merkle, Ramirez and Conrad. Please remember to send in your box tops and clearly label your teacher's name on bag/envelope. We have until July 1st, 2017 to send in Labels for Education. The theme for the display in the caf are emojis.

The first set of box tops were submitted and we should be receiving \$84.50.

Reflections: We only received 10 entries which will be picked up this week and judge within the next week or two. The top two entries in each category, and in each level, will be turned into Nassau County PTA Nov.30th or Dec. 1st.

Spirit Wear: Cheryl: Orders due today and will be in before break. As of Friday, we have 44 orders. Bling/Krista: Orders due today and by Dec.21st will be delivered.

Tribune: Vacant- We need a chair! Please see us if interested!

Liaisons Report:

High School-Division Ave: 5 Division Ave students received h.o.b.y. award. Euro trip will be going to San Fran and the Grand Canyon this year. Think Pink Volleyball game raised \$3000 for breast cancer.

Middle School: No report

Student Council: Kids had a great time; speeches were great. First meeting Nov.22 @ 8:30am.

Old Business: no

New Business: "Doodle 4 Google" Contest-open to all K-12. Redesign the google logo. Info is here on desk.

Mr. Vilbig asks PTA for money to put towards spelling bee banner, bee costume, medals, trophies and refreshments. Vote to use \$250 to use toward spelling bee. Lin Testamark makes a motion give Mr. Vilbig money towards spelling bee and Dawn Watson seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Money will come out of cultural arts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.