

Wisdom Lane Meeting Minutes- March 13, 2023- Zoom

Meeting started at 7:01pm.

Kathleen Pedrick welcomed everyone. She asked us to look over the minutes from our February meeting since our Recording Secretary could not be at tonight's meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes. 1st- Lauren Sica 2nd- Amy Hoffmann

Principal's Report- Mr. Avena welcomed several staff members who are in attendance. He began by congratulating our Science Olympiad team who had just competed in the Regional Competition. This is the 20th consecutive year that Wisdom Lane has qualified for the state tournament in April.

This week is Spirit Week. We will be holding a variety of events throughout the week. At the end of the week there will be a scavenger hunt. The winners of the scavenger hunt will attend a movie at Bellmore Playhouse.

Our annual teacher and student volleyball game will be held on March 23rd. It is a lot of fun. If you don't want to play on a team, you can come out to cheer everyone on that day. All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Society.

Our student's artwork is currently being displayed at the Levittown Public Library. The exhibit will be up until March 29th.

Our High School Guidance department will be running College and Career Week from March 27th-31st.

WriterCon 2023 will be on March 20th. The link is on both the district website as well as the Wisdom website to sign up. If your child enjoys writing it will be a great experience. Last year over 300 students participated.

1st VP- Lauren Sica had no report.

2nd VP- Tara reported that we have 234 members.

3rd VP- Danielle was not able to be at tonight's meeting. Kathleen reported that we are having a fundraiser at Riko's on March 20th from 10:30am-10:00pm. When ordering, mention Wisdom Lane and we will receive 20% of the proceeds.

We are running a fundraiser with the NY Yankees. It will be on May 26th at 7:05. If interested, please fill out the Google form. It was sent out via Member Hub and is also on our Facebook page.

Joe's Ice Cream truck will be at Wisdom every Friday beginning in May until the week prior to finals.

Treasurer Report- Amy Hoffmann

Opening checkbook balance \$27,701.84. There were no expenses and we had an income of \$4.26 in interest. That brought us to a Closing Balance of \$27,706.10.

Corresponding Secretary- Jeanine Quigley had no report.

Ms. Mortillaro shared a slideshow of different things taking place at Wisdom. She reported that Ms. Zeller thanked the PTA for their help in conducting interviews with her classes.

Dr. Ippolito reported that Autism Awareness shirts will be in within the next few weeks. Shirts will be worn on Tuesdays in April. More information will follow. Monday the 20th will be the Transition Fair at Memorial.

Mr. Arvelo-Shaw reminded everyone that the Roller-Skating party is tomorrow night.

Delegate Report- No report

Cultural Arts- Kathleen reported that we will be having a presentation in May. Dates have not been finalized. More information to follow.

Transportation- There is some controversy over who will be issuing tickets. This is currently being looked at. Over the past 2 months, 12,000 tickets have been issued. The district is still looking to hire bus drivers.

Spiritwear- Orders are being processed. Please be on the lookout for emails from LI Athletic. If you placed an order this year and haven't picked it up, please do so.

Honorary Life- The Honorary Life dinner will be on April 26th at the Coral House. Ms. Burn is our honoree this year.

Reflections- Kathleen reported that our 4 submissions did not make to the next level. We will honor the participants at a future meeting.

Nominating- Lauren Sica reported that the Nominating Committee met of March 9th. The following names are placed in nomination for the 2023-2024 school year.

President- Kathleen Pedrick

1st VP- Lauren Sica

2nd VP- Tara Reyes

3rd VP- Yeliz Cipriano

4th VP- Mrs. Going

Recording Secretary- Janette Ruddy

Corresponding Secretary- Jeanine Quigley

Treasurer- Anthony LoPinto

If you wish to run against anyone on this proposed slate, you must do so in writing two business days prior to our April meeting. Please send all signed letters to Lauren Sica.

Food Service- Jeanine Quigley reported that there are several new menu items being added. The committee is always looking for feedback. Mr. Avena added that the popcorn chicken was a hit with the students. Jeanine explained that Salk will be piloting a program called Farm Shelf. It is an indoor self-

sustainable unit that will grow produce. This produce will be incorporated into the lunches being served.

SEPTA- Miss Chocolate fundraiser will run until March 22nd. Please check the Facebook page for more information. Nominations for next year are being accepted now. Please email to cradical88@aol.com
The next meeting will be on April 3rd.

Mr. Avena thanked Mike Pappas for attending our meeting tonight. He is one of our Board of Education members. Mr. Pappas briefly discussed our budget and some of the improvements to be made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33