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Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Minutes of the PTA General Membership Meeting
November 15, 2022

Amy MacLeod, PTA President

- The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm in the Birch Lane Elementary School GP Room.
- A quorum was present.
- Mrs. MacLeod led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mrs. MacLeod introduced Gracemarie Rozea, Parliamentarian.

ACTION AGENDA:

Minutes of the October 14, 2022 General Membership meeting were approved as presented.

Election of 2023 Nominating Committee Members

President Amy MacLeod called for nominations to the Nominating Committee. Keri Moore, Jennifer Maher, and Sharon Jackson were nominated and elected to the Nominating Committee.

- **New York Blood Center:** Doreen Fiscina. There is currently a blood emergency at the New York Blood Center. The New York Blood Center is holding a contest for PTAs this year. The school that collects the most blood will get a \$100 gift card to Amazon at the end of the year. The Blood Drive will take place on December 1st at Birch Lane.
- **Girls on the Run:** Doreen Dunne. Girls on the Run has a curriculum of social emotional learning and is open to Grades 3, 4, and 5 for students of all abilities. Practice is twice a week for 75 minutes, and there is a spring and fall season.
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Amy MacLeod. Mrs. MacLeod introduced the officers of the Birch Lane PTA Executive Committee. Mrs. MacLeod thanked Mrs. LeBlanc, Ms. Cohen, Mr. Aspetti, and Mrs. Larkin for their continual support. Mrs. MacLeod acknowledged the following committees and thanked all the committee members for their hard work: Membership, Arts in Ed, Bulletin Board, Blood Drive, Spooktacular Night at the Movies, Picture Day, Health and Wellness Committee (Walk/Bike to School Day and Red Ribbon Week), Reflections, and the Fall Fundraiser Committee.
- **Correspondence:** Stephanie Iannuzzi. No correspondence was received.
- **Financial Report:** Lauren Carollo.
September 30, 2022 report: Opening balance \$40,514.49, disbursements \$5,716.17, income \$3,791.47, closing balance \$38,589.79. The statement for October was reconciled by Erin Liana and was found to be in order.

OFFICER/CHAIR REPORTS

- **Holiday Fair:** Tara Hochberg. Volunteers were randomly chosen and have been notified. They look forward to a great week of holiday shopping.
- **Pasta Night:** Christine Rose read for Stephani Cortese. Pasta Night will be held on January 25th at Berner. This two-hour family event includes a buffet followed by a Mad Science program. Volunteers are needed to help. More details and fliers will be out next month.
- **Winter Fun:** Elizabeth Edelbach. Winter Fun Night will be on December 13th at Birch Lane. Students can stuff a winter animal with Fun Stuff Express and participate in a variety of winter fun and games. Flyers will be going out shortly. Please contact Elizabeth Edelbach with any questions.

- Reflections: Jenni Mignone. Reflections art projects have been collected and will be submitted to Nassau Region PTA. The Reflections Ceremony will be on February 10th at 9:45.
- PARP: Jackie Graham. PARP will run from January 23rd-February 10th. There will be a kickoff assembly for all students. A survey was sent out via email to select the theme. Students will vote during the week of November 21st as well. Each student will receive a book as part of the program.
- SEPTA: Stephanie Iannuzzi read for Danielle Holzapfel. There will be a SEPTA meeting November 16th at 7:00 pm in the McKenna Senior Center. You are encouraged to bring your children. Dr. Elias will be discussing the Sibshops program. Mrs. McCoy will be selling and signing books after the meeting. November 30th is the first meetup for SEPTA parents at Il Vizio in the park.
- Spirit Wear: Christine Fahey. The Field Day store will be open from January 17th-29th. Shirts will be \$12 for grades K-4; fifth graders will wear class shirts. A flyer will be sent home in January. Please contact Christine Fahey and Kim Rumberg at birchlanespiritwear@gmail.com with any questions.
- Membership: Christine Fahey. The Birch Lane PTA has won three NY State PTA Awards for October: the October On Target Award, the Trailblazer Award, and the Savvy Membership Award. Three PTA unit winners will be drawn each month from now until January to receive a \$100 cash prize. You must be current PTA member to volunteer for PTA coordinated events.
- Blood Drive: Daniela Murphy. The Blood Drive will on December 1st. The NY Blood Center will be visiting the fifth grade classes to explain the "Little Doctors" program. Students will then get family and friends to volunteer to donate. Contact Daniela Murphy at dutchdan118@aol.com with any questions.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- **Teacher Liaison:** Ms. McCree and Ms. Downey. Grade level information was shared. Kindergarteners learned about election day; in math different ways to make ten; greater, less, and equal; working with fifth grade tech buddies. First grade is learning about light in enrichment; personal narratives being published soon; learning about Thanksgiving. Second grade wrapping up the personal narrative unit; in math strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers. Third grade is learning multiplication in math; in social studies parts of the map and preparing for district assessment; in science forces; writing final stages of personal narratives; 1-100 in Spanish. Fourth grade is studying Cynthia Rylant; in math studying patterns; Native American unit in social studies; in science animal structures and functions. Fifth grade is examining place value in math; finishing up a unit on matter; in social studies learning about Mayans and Aztecs; starting *Tuck Everlasting* in reading.
- **Principal/Assistant Principal Reports:** Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin. Thanked the PTA committee members and PTA board. Thanked the Diversity and Equity Committee for helping with the World Kindness Day. Thanked parents who sent in pictures for the Wall of Honor. You can still send a picture to add to the display. Thanked the parents who supported the Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. Thanked the PTA for buying the fifth grade t-shirts. Fifth grade is going to see *Bye, Bye Birdie* at the Middle School. Little Doctors spoke to the fifth grade; 6 students will be chosen randomly on Monday to assist with the Blood Drive. There will be a Cultivating Kindness assembly for all students this Friday. Fire Safety Week posters are due on Thursday. The Journeys Program is coming for the fourth grade on November 22nd. There will a Rapid Dismissal Drill on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Toy Drive information will come out next week. Holiday cards can be sent in to be displayed. The Fifth Grade Chorus will be singing at *Village Hall* on December 4th. Dec 6th is Grade 5 World Language Day. December 8th, 9th, and 12th are Parent Teacher Conferences. Holiday assemblies for students will be on December 20th. Fifth grade parents will be invited to the holiday assembly on December 21st. A question was asked about how often textbooks get replaced. The textbooks that are sent home are older and are used to enhance the curriculum. Birch Lane is piloting a few different science programs.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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Secretary

Stephanie Iannuzzi

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