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Birch Lane
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

PTA General Membership Meeting
September 12, 2024

Christine Rose, PTA President

- The meeting was called to order at 9:57 am in the Birch Lane Elementary School GP Room.
- A quorum was present.
- Mrs. Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION AGENDA:

The minutes of the May 14, 2024 General Membership were approved as presented.

On behalf of the Budget committee, I move the adoption of the Birch Lane PTA proposed budget as presented.

Adopted

Elizabeth Edelbach

- **President's Report: Christine Rose.** Mrs. Rose introduced the PTA Board Members: Lauren Carollo, 1st Vice President; Stephanie Iannuzzi, 2nd Vice President; Vicki Abbinanti, Secretary; and Elizabeth Edelbach, Treasurer. Mrs. Rose thanked Mr. Aspetti and Mrs. Larkin, the Birch Lane families, and volunteers for supporting our PTA. She extended an invitation to anyone who would like to get more involved.
- **Correspondence: Vicki Abbinanti.** Correspondence was received by the kindergarten teachers, the first-grade teachers, the second-grade teachers, the third-grade teachers, Mr. Aspetti, and Ms. Larkin showing appreciation for the staff luncheon.
- **Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth Edelbach.** July 31, 2024 report: Opening balance of \$28,743.81, disbursements \$1,273.17, income \$6,419.15, closing balance \$33,889.79. The July statement was reconciled by Lauren Carollo. August 31, 2024 report: Opening balance of \$33,889.79, disbursements \$0.00, income \$618.95, closing balance \$34,508.74. The statement for August was reconciled by Lauren Carollo.
- **Audit Report: Elizabeth Edelbach.** The Audit Committee examined the records of the Birch Lane PTA for the period of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 and found them to be correct and in good standing.

OFFICER/CHAIR REPORTS

- **Membership: Christine Fahey.** We have approximately 244 members which is about 37% of our goal of 100% participation. You must be a PTA member to be a class parent, to volunteer or chair a committee, or to volunteer PTA-sponsored events.
- **Arts in Ed: Christine Fahey.** We kicked off the school year with Mr. Jon Gordon, author of *The Energy Bus for Kids*. Birch Lane is using the book for its theme this school year. We have four more all school assemblies and each grade level will also have their own unique program. The next event will be a BMX Bike Show on October 2nd. Thank you to Mrs. Larkin and Christine Rose for their support.
- **Family Fun: Lauren Carollo.** The PTA will host a Family Night Out at Adventureland on October 28th from 5:00-8:00 pm.
- **Health and Wellness: Lauren Carollo.** Birch Lane is participating in Walk/Ride to School Day on October 2nd. International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day.
- **Plant Sale: Stephanie Iannuzzi.** Forms are due back by September 13th. Plant pick-up will be on September 26th and 27th. Any questions, contact Kerri Fitzsimmons or Regina Price at birchlaneplants@gmail.com.
- **Spirit Wear: Christine Fahey.** The Fall Spirit Wear Online Store will be open until September 20th.
- **Bulletin Boards: Vicki Abbinanti.** Thank you to the Bulletin Board Committee on preparing the main hall bulletin board and the Birthday board for September!

- **Hospitality: Vicki Abbinanti.** Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the Staff Luncheon on the first day of school.
- **Picture Day: Lisa Antonucci.** Picture Day will be on October 8th and 9th. Order forms will be sent home with students.
- **Kindergarten: Elizabeth Edelbach.** Thank you to our Kindergarten Orientation Committee and the chair, Tara Banta, for their hard work in welcoming our incoming kindergarteners.

Administration Reports

- **Principal/Assistant Principal Reports: Mr. Aspetti & Mrs. Larkin.** Mr. Aspetti acknowledged the PTA Board and the following committees for their hard work: the Bulletin Board Committee, the Kindergarten Committee, Staff Luncheon, the Back to School Bash, Spirit Wear, and the Fall Plant Sale. Energy Bus is the theme this year, and the book is in all classrooms. The BMX Bike Show is on October 2nd focusing on bike safety. Ensembles for 5th grade orchestra begin on September 17th and the band begins on September 20th. Fire Prevention Week begins October 7th. iReady diagnostics have begun and should be finished next week. Kindergarten will finish the week of 23rd. The Class Parent Tea is on September 24th. School is closed on October 3rd and 4th for Rosh Hashanah.

New Business

- Delores Esposito thanked the PTA Board and the administration for advocating for the class size issue in fifth grade. Mrs. Rose added that the PTA intends on continuing the discussion regarding class sizes and other issues.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

S/

Secretary

Vicki Abbinanti

Approved: _____