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PTA General Membership Meeting
Date: Wednesday October 9, 2025

Christine Rose, PTA President

- The meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm 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 September 10, 2025 General Membership were approved as presented.
- **President's Report: Christine Rose.** Thank you to everyone that participated in the Back to School BBQ. Thank you to the Spiritwear and Plant Sale committees for the amazing fundraising this Fall and the Picture Day Committee for another successful picture day! Thank you Christine Fahey and the Arts in Ed Committee for coordinating the wildly successful BMX Bike Show assembly!
- **Correspondence: Christine Rose.** There was no correspondence received.
- **Treasurer's Report: Elizabeth Edelbach.** September 30, 2025 report: Opening balance of $27,253.27, disbursements $3,644.79, income $12,925.61, closing balance $36,534.09. The September statement was reconciled by Jenna Biancaniello.

OFFICER/CHAIR REPORTS

- **Reflections: Stephanie Iannuzzi:** The theme this year is "I belong". Packets should have been handed out to each student in their classroom by now. Students can reflect on this theme through six categories of Film Production, Music Composition, Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Literature and Photography. Projects will be collected at the Birch Lane Lobby on November 17th and November 18th between 4:45 and 6:45 pm. A ceremony will be held at Birch Lane on February 12th for all participants. Email Jenna Biancaniell at Jsforza59@gmail.com with questions.
- **Spirit Wear: Sarah Valentino.** We are very excited for our Fall Spirit Wear store which will be out in the next few Weeks. We will have Flow Society as well as original logo designs for Massapequa and Birch Lane. More information will be coming soon.
- **Wrapping Paper: Christine Rose.** Get some of your holiday shopping done early! You can purchase wrapping paper and other items through the website sent home in the letter with the catalog through October 24th. Pickup will be November 20th from 4-7 PM in Birch Lane's GP room.
- **Picture Day: Elizabeth Edelbach**. Photographers were at Birch Lane on October 8th and 9th to take individual student portraits as well as class photos, with retakes and yearbook group portraits taking place on October 29th.
- **STEAM Night: Elizabeth Edelbach**. We are excited to announce that we are revamping STEAM Night! We are bringing in Snapology to our school on November 19th. Snapology is a local company that provides children enrichment with STEAM learning programs to engage children with hands-on activities to teach Science, Technology Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. They offer programs that include robotics, coding, and design challenges using items like Legos and K'Nex, as well as various other technologies.
- **Fall Fundraiser: Lauren Carollo.** We invite you to this year's Parents' Night Out on Thursday, November 6 at the Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club in Amityville, from 7 to 10 PM,This year's theme will be "Denim & Diamonds". We hope you can join us as we once again raise funds to benefit our students and bring our school community together.
- **Health & Wellness (Red Ribbon Week): Lauren Carollo.** Red Ribbon Week 2025 is October 27-31! Please join Birch Lane PTA in promoting healthy choices! Let's stand together and show our spirit. Throughout the week, our students will take part in a variety of fun and meaningful activities that encourage healthy choices and an active lifestyle.
- **Health & Wellness: Lauren Carollo.** Dr. Rachel (Rae) Camhi is a licensed psychologist and expert in child development, neurodiversity, and trauma-informed care. In her thriving private practice, she helps children and families build emotional resilience, improve behavior, and foster long-term well-being—often without the use of medication or years of therapy. Known for her strengths-based and highly effective approach, Rae's work empowers students and parents alike to feel confident, connected, and supported.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- **Teacher Reports: Ms. McCree and Ms. Downey.** Kindergarten: Adjusting to daily routines, learning how writers work and what readers do. In math they are learning how to sort and count objects by different attributes. First Grade: Continuing 10s in math with addition and subtraction and reading and writing workshops. Learning about American symbols in Social Studies and are excited for Halloween activities. Second Grade: Learning about formal & informal letters, in math they are currently learning about bar graphs & picture graphs and have been enjoying the hands-on experiments in Mystery Science. Third Grade: In Math, the children will be learning how to discover larger multiplication facts from smaller facts using the break apart method. They will begin their study of Forces and Motion in Science and have completed their geography unit in social studies. Fourth Grade: Students are enjoying their Mystery Science energy unit in the classroom and in math, they are working hard on adding and subtracting multidigit numbers. Fifth Grade: looking forward to going to see the Berner Musical, Matilda in November. In math, they will be learning about decimals and fractions, place value, addition and subtraction.
- **Principal/Assistant Principal Reports: Mr. Aspetti & Mrs. Larkin.** Thank you to class parents, Bulletin Board Committee, Back to School BBQ, PTA for the BMX Show, Plant Sale Committee and Picture Day Committee. Building News: Basketball courts as well as newly painted lines on blacktop. Beautification Committee will be adding to the new black top as well. For kindergarten the pumpkin patch will be brought into the courtyard. Family Connect Nights were also brought back for the school year. Letters have gone home listing the monthly dates.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

S/
Vicki Abbinanti

Approved: _____ Secretary