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Menands PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date | time May 17, 2023, 6:34 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Jessica Klami

In Attendance

Attendees Board: Jessica Klami, Lindsey Lipari, Irena Glogowski, Samantha Jordan

Attendees: Heather Aragona, Audrey Franke, Bill Nevins, Courtney Jaskula, Dara Blanchard, Jennifer Cannavo, Karthika Pathuri, Kelley Lemyre, Tammy McNamara, Maureen Long, Vanessa Mercado

Approval of Minutes

Jessica let everyone know the meeting minutes were posted to the PTA website from March meeting.

Minutes review shared by Jessica Klami.

Courtney first and Tammy seconded, all in attendance voted in favor.

Principal's Report

Jennifer Canavo provided the report.

- Thanked committee and community for passing school budget vote
- Mr. Luke and Mrs. Shaik elected board of education
- Night of the Arts was successful
- 8th graders are at camp Chingachgook
- Appointed new principal: Mr.s Wiley to start on July 1st
- PreK lottery held 5/17/2023. Third preK class in Menands
- A-Z Countdown is underway
- Career Day on June 2nd
- Field Day on June 9th - looking for parent volunteers
- Literacy Night - May 25
- James Preller local author visiting May 26

Membership Report

PTA is 89 members strong.

Budget

Lindsey Lipari reviewed incoming and outgoing expenses for March and April 2023.

Proposed budget for 2023-2024: Lindsey Lipari reviewed proposed budget, expected incoming and outgoing

- potential changes: hosting more chicken parm dinners at Menands vs. restaurant fundraiser
- potential poinsettia/wreath sale as a fundraiser

Questions:

Vote: Jessica Klami made a motion to accept. Tammy McNamara seconded. All in favor, no opposed.

Budget is passed

Recruiting Committee Report

Nominating Committee: Vanessa Mercado, Courtney Jaskula, Lindsey Lipari

Secretary position open

Karthika Pathuri applied and nominating committee is recommending

Karthika introduced herself and shared information about herself.

Jessica Klami made motion to accept nominating committee report. Bill Nevins seconded motion. Unanimous recommendation.

Membership Report

- Spring fest/Earth Day Clean up
 - a successful event!
- Multicultural Festival
 - reported by Vanessa Mercado
 - a successful event, great turn out
 - would like to have a committee for planning next year
- Used Sneaker Collection
 - reported by Tammy McNamara
 - did not go as well as anticipated

Upcoming events

- Scholastic Book Fair - May 22 all week
 - monday preview day
 - any day during the week, parents can send money in

- Family shopping night during Literacy Night
- fundraiser for PTA
- Literacy Night May 25
- Field Day
 - June 9
 - looking for parent/pta volunteers
 - Volunteers during PTA meeting: Courtney Jaskula, Tammy McNamara, Karthika Pathuri, Vanessa Mercado, Samantha Jordan
- Staff appreciation - June 21
 - Budget is \$500
 - Dara will be coordinating
 - Last year: massage therapist came in (was around \$300 last year)
 - Donations last
 - Ideas
 - board party - charcuterie board, dessert board, fruit board, etc
 - massage therapist
- Graduation - June 22
 - typically 7th grade parents are asked, but this is a small class
 - looking for volunteers to help with graduation set up, snacks, decorations, etc
- 8th grade teachers
 - Tammy reporting
 - invoice sent in to PTA
 - requested check be mailed to them. Check is in Lindsey Lipari's mailbox to be picked up
- Hoffman Carwash - started in May will continue through rest of the month
- 16 Handles fundraiser - June 13 on Tuesday
 - 2 hours. 5-7pm 60% of everything that gets sold even if they don't come on with a flyer
 - the one in East Greenbush only

Closing comments/questions

- Fundraiser ideas:
 - anything bundt cake fundraiser - Tammy McNamara
 - bread and broth - Tammy McNamara
 - bowls with soup and bread. Bowls made by students. soup and bread donated by local area.
 - sell food/bowls as fundraiser
 - Trader Joe's does food donations - reported by Courtney Jaskula
- Shared by Bill Nevins
 - wreaths in the fall: keep in mind diversity

- represent the district
- Thank you to Vanessa for multicultural fair
- unofficial promise of superintendent for field day
 - no water slide, maybe dunk tank

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Next Meetings

Next school year 2023-2024!

Motion to adjourn was made by Jessica Klami, seconded by Tammy McNamara all voted in favor.

meeting adjourned: 7:24