



PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 17, 2020

Call to order at 7pm

Three Executive Board Members and about 67 in attendance.
Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

- Welcome back existing parents and welcome to new parents
- Introductions of the Executive Board (Simone/Co-President, Sheryl/Secretary, Edward/Treasurer and Elaine/Co-President)
- Noted that Jinnie Hackman, former parent coordinator, left AEA in August 2020. Discussed giving a gift to JH from the PTA. Received suggestions of \$50-75 and \$100. Poll and vote at the next meeting.
- PTA basics and meeting rules.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2020 meeting - Sheryl Hirshon

- Motion to approve the June minutes by a show of hands, motion carries.

Co-President's Report - Elaine Lee-Wong/Simone Dornbach

- End of year survey – mostly positive, some critical (too much communication), trying to get a sense of communication, parents like the emails
- Town Hall with Principal Leto: She said to email Elaine with questions, but please don't overwhelm Elaine. Principal Leto wants the PTA and SLT to help distribute info. Check AEA website for info. Read emails from school and PTA fully.
- Blue cards are on the website – please start submitting them now.
- Elections would have been in May and the new board would have started in June. However, due to covid, the old board was extended to 10/31. Elections will be held at the October 8th meeting. The nomination committee will run the elections. Committee members (Lacy, Marina and Geraldine) were introduced. We are still learning how to do elections virtually. Nominations can still be made up until the 10/8 elections. Nominees can speak before elections.
- PTA has paid for Go Math books, virtual arts teacher, walkie talkies, etc. There is no proposed budget for 2020-21 yet, since the PTA Board has not been able to meet with Principal Leto.
- Go Math book purchases will continue since they were already approved. PPE is a possibility for the school, but it will need to be researched and discussed. Will PPE actually be needed? There is uncertainty about buying items, because we can't access our check book in the school building. Also, with the chance of going virtual, we don't want to waste money. Possibility of funding virtual enrichment programs.
- Still doing membership dues (covering PTA operations - website, insurance, office supplies, etc.) and annual appeal fundraiser (donation fundraiser for the school), but they are temporarily on

hold, we need guidance about how we can collect money right now? The annual appeal letter will go out shortly.

- We will still do fundraisers. Some of our old fundraisers are now virtual. We want them to still be fun. Ideas welcome at our PTA email address. Ms. Weissbach suggested mask chains – adult and kid, can be personalized. She will donate to PTA to sell. Can vote on this fundraiser at a future meeting.
- Shantelle and Rachael – report on culturally sensitive education proposals for students. Can email 303racialequality@gmail.com for more information..
- Virtual Public Meetings (CEC/PC/Townhall)
 - Encourage attendance at CEC mtgs, the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm
 - Dr. Mauri de Govia is the new Executive Superintendent for Queens South D27-29.
 - Dr. Tammy Pate is D28 Superintendent.
 - Diversity Plan is still on hold
 - Should get your P-EBT cards now – call before 9/30 if not received.
 - FACE (Office of Family and Community Empowerment) Update - liaison b/w DOE and families
 - [Presentation](#) with [links](#)

Treasurer's Report - Elaine Lee-Wong on behalf of Edward Suh

- September 2020 Financial Report
 - Opening balance: \$52,352.94
 - Income: \$141.36 (Amazon Smile)
 - Expenses: NONE
 - Ending balance: \$52,494.30
- 2020/2021 PTA Proposed Budget -
 - GoMath - \$16,000.00 (K - 5th grade) - already approved
 - School Mate (planners) - \$500 (2- 5th grade) - already approved
 - Reimbursements - \$400 (retirement presents for Maria and Weissbach) - already approved
 - Raz Kids - \$1,000 (K - 2nd Grade)
 - Poll to approve payment of up to 1,000 – 49 voted yes (100%)
 - Motion carries
 - PTA Insurance/Website Domain/Hosting - \$1,000
 - Poll to approve payment of up to \$1,000 – 52 voted yes (100%)
 - Motion carries
 - Art/Ms Stewart & 92nd Street Y - ON HOLD
 - PPE (forming committee) – email PTA if you want to be on the committee. Admin only wants if purchased for the entire school community. School has cardboard now, not plexiglass. Some parents stated that plexiglass is not useful to contain virus, but can be cleaned. Someone suggested air purifiers – they are expensive. A parent stated that it is not fair to spend money on equipment that will not benefit fully-remote kids. A parent suggested spending money on items like masks, clear masks, sanitizer, supplies for Nurse Yana and not required DOE procurement or electronic equipment in violation of fire safety rules.

A parent noted that the DOE budget comes out Oct 1. Might work out better to pay for something that is severely cut in the budget.

School Leadership Team Report - Michele Molfetta

- Our school community is close and unique. PTA, SLT and Admin have been working nonstop all summer. Please have patience. Anyone can attend SLT meetings, but you need approval to speak. To reach the SLT, email 303slt@gmail.com

New Business

- ANNUAL Appeal – discussed changing the amount of the annual appeal from \$500 to \$303 due to having a larger school population. Motion to make “303 for 303” - 50 yes (96%), 1 no (2%), 1 other amount (2%). Money is a donation – can be in any amount or none and in any form (lump sum, multiple amounts). PTA is an eligible non-profit for matching corporate contributions. Motion carries.

Announcements

- Next PTA Meeting - Thursday, October 8th, 2020 (ELECTIONS!)
- Next CEC Meeting - Thursday, October 1st, 2020
- Next SLT Meeting - Tentatively, October 7th, 2020

Adjournment time at 8:40pm.