Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA

General Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

(Re-scheduled from March 14, 2017 – Due to Inclement Weather/School Closing)

* The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m.
* The Pledge of Allegiance
* Welcome and Introductions – Lorraine Lubicich and the entire 2016-2017 Executive Committee made introductions
* The minutes were read (by Tracy Schmid) and approved via 1st and 2nd motions (Deirdre Madtes/Vanessa Spinner)
* Treasurers Report was read by Terry Maloney for Lisa Lawrence – January 2017: Checking Balance as of 1/1/2017 - $18,053.03; Total Deposits - $1,618.00; Total Disbursements: $245.00; Outstanding checks: $1,239.50; Cash on hand: $18,186.53; Less Lisa Cardelena funds held in acct. $10,453.41; Less $1,000.00 donation by Lisa Cardelena Fund for Challenge Day (New Balance in Lisa Cardelena Specific Scholarship Fund: $9,453.41; Balance (less Lisa Cardelena Scholarship monies: $8,733.12. February 2017 Report: Checking Balance as of 2/1/2017 - $19,426.03; No Deposits; Disbursements: $2,069.00.00 (including Banking fee $1.00); Outstanding checks: $414.50; Lisa Cardelena Specific Scholarship fund held in acct. $9,453.41; Balance less Lisa Cardelena Scholarship monies: $7,489.12
* Correspondence Secretary, Terry Maloney - PTA National Sponsor – 25% back on grocery shopping (coupons available for distribution.)
* Report of Executive Committee – Lorraine Lubicich
  + Committee Chairs

**Staff Appreciation Day** – Chairs – Jodi Filoso and Marybeth Altobelli- May 2, 2017 is Staff Appreciation day – all donations of baked good, money and beverages are welcomed!

**Membership** – Membership is doing very well and will continue throughout the school year. We have over 500+ Parent/Students/Staff registered.

**Sewanhaka Delegate** – Two times a year questions are submitted to the Superintendent – “Use of Cell Phones in School” and Water Lead levels, Improving School Morale were the highlighted questions as well as the “Rat” inflated each day by the construction crew. Responses to these inquiries are attached in the report provided by the delegates.

**Poetry Coffee House** – Chairs – Maddy Craig and Susan Nolan are preparing for Poetry Coffee House on April 25, 2017 – donations of baked items are requested – all winners of the 2017 Reflections Competition will be announced and awarded a prize.

**PTSA Scholarships** – Chair – Vanessa Spinner – reported all “Readers” have been put in place and applications for the scholarship essays can be found on the PTSA website as well as in the Guidance Office.

**Ways and Means** – The Spring Fundraiser – “Paint Nite” is scheduled for April 5, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M. in the FPM – Cafeteria -$25.00 Per painter – Auction Baskets, refreshments and fun are on the Agenda!

* **Principles Report**  - Asst. Principle Mrs. Alaimo delivered the Principles report:
  + Thanks for having me join you this evening; Our school Musical – “The Review” is scheduled for Friday and Saturday performances this week; District Program @ Carey) for the NCAA Clearing house is tomorrow @ 7:00 p.m. (Any student/athlete planning on playing collegiate level sports should attend this informative meeting); ELA Assessments are scheduled for next week for the 7th/8th Grade class; Our Jr. Prom is scheduled for 3/31/2017 @ The Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant; Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal on 3/31/2017; Shared decision making team – 1st Jr. High Spirit Week (7th/8th Grades) – i-movie on 4/3 – 4/7/2017 – Spread the word!; We are considering a possible “Field Day” in the Spring for our underclassman; 4/1/2017 – Model U.N. Day (Sigmund Conference) ; District Music Festival @ NHP H.S.; District Sports Night – FPM Wins!!! First time in the history of District Sports Night! The Booster club will be hosting a winners breakfast were the medals to our winning team will be distributed; Spring sports have begun.
* **Teacher Liaison Report**:
  + Ms. Amanda Abbott reported: Spring Sports have begun; The Senior Class advisors are working on a Sr. Raffle for Prom Bids/for those seniors who join the PTSA Membership! National Board Certification for our teachers is underway: Ms. Abbott, Ms. Blanc and Ms. Bach (currently Nationally Board Certified) have teamed up to assist our staff members enrolled in the program to become National Board Certified. This certification brings invaluable education opportunities for our students.
* **The Parent Perspective Report**: Parents of students (current and graduates have joined us to speak of the experience for their students) – Mike Calandra – parent of (3) children – spoke of his boys experience and what our school afforded them as they graduated and attended college as collegiate athletes – his last child is still attending FPM and is part of the Music/Drama and fine arts programs offered at our school (His message: our school offers the full menu of needs that address each child’s passions.) Bernadette Smith – parent of (4) spoke about how each of her children is so very diverse and FPM is able to meet the needs of each child and has been instrumental in their success. Mary Goldberg – Parent of (3) spoke to the needs of each of her children and the special individualized attention given to each child as a person, student and future college student.
* **Dr**. **Sotille:** – gave a special report about the adverse publicity and scrutiny the district has faced this week with regard to a part-time teacher and her release from employment. The District followed every protocol in the vetting process prior to hiring this individual and when the issue arose, all proper procedures were followed and the teacher was escorted from the building and terminated immediately. This young lady made a mistake – no criminal charges were filed by the family at her prior place of employment. All are encouraged to contact Dr. Sotille with any and all questions regarding this situation and any future situations. She has an “open door” policy and has given her office and cell number to any and all who wish to contact her. School – 488-9300 x-9386 – Cell # (570) 241-2913. It is far better to call and receive accurate information as opposed to using social media as your source of knowledge.
* **Police Officer John Groshans – Floral Park Police Department School Liaison was unable to attend – Sgt. William Doherty attended on his behalf:**
  + Spoke to the membership about the on-going drug situation on Long Island, the NARCON program available as well as clarification on the Social Host Laws and Good Samaritan Law. A discussion was also brought to light on the false I.D.’s so prevalent with our under-age children. This is felony offense. Please let your children know this and explain the consequences of carry and using one.
* **Student Liaisons**:

Sophia Ramcharitar attended the meeting and reported:

Mock Trial Team Club – attended Nassau County Supreme – Won 1st Place – Model UN (Sigmund Conference in Boston) preparation is underway – (historically win many awards); Hofstra Conference (for Novice Delegates) is planned; 7th/8th Graders interested in being a member of Model U.N. should be scheduling the class for next year – “0” period – (8th & 9th Graders are eligible.) Senior Week was a great success! Fund Raiser Week – Candy sale – Student Council – Battle of the Bands (all proceeds from this event will continue to go to our Charity – School with HIV/AIDS) – Basketball Tournament is scheduled and the proceeds will go to Wounded Warriors – Last week we celebrated Cultural Diversity week – wherein we recognized all cultural diversity – Our Anna House Service Project continues – I am grateful to be part of FP Memorial!! Thank you.

* **New Business**
  + SEPTA – March Meeting postponed to April – State Trust Planning – New Members needed for next year.
  + Jr. National Honor Society – “Dress for Success” program – Mrs. McBride is collecting clothes, shoes, purses, etc.
  + Nominating Committee – we accepted volunteers from the floor - Mary Goldberg, Val Donohue and one additional member will be chosen – they will work on filling the slate for our 2017-2018 PTSA Board.
* **Announcements – Were made by Lorraine Lubicich:**
  + April 5th – PTSA Spring Fundraiser – Paint Nite
  + April 25th – Poetry Coffeehouse
  + May 9th – PTSA Meeting with Projected slate and budget presentation by the Superintendents
  + June 6th – Joint PTA/PTSA Installation Dinner
  + June 7th – Turnover meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.