Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA

Joint PTSA/Booster Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

* The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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 (Dena Macri/Maria Yeostos)
* Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer Lisa Lawrence – Checking Acct. Balance as of 9/30/2016 - $18,383.03; Total Deposits - $605.00; Balance as of 10/31/2016 - $17,085.03; Outstanding checks: $1,100.00; Cash on Hand: $15.985.03; Less Lisa Cardelena funds held in acct. $8,953.41; Balance less Lisa Cardelena Scholarship monies: $7,031.62.
* Correspondence Secretary, Terry Maloney - No New correspondence to report.
* Report of Executive Committee – Lorraine Lubicich
  + Committee Chairs

**Reflections**: Committee Chair: Susan Nolan – reports: This year’s theme: “What is Your Story?” – Submissions due by November 10, 2016. Winners will go on to compete at the County level and possibly the Regionals and then to State.

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

**Sewanhaka Central Council Liaison** – Delegate: Pattie Hollack – reported: I-pad rollout going extremely well district wide. Superintendent not a fan of ranking – may be abolished – and remains under evaluation; Driver’s Ed is returning to the district; No summer school; overall District report on new lunch program is favorable.

**Ways and Means** – The Fall Social is scheduled for this Friday, November 18th – Jack Duggan’s Restaurant.

**Booster Club**: President, Jennell Horan – Brief overview of the club and what it offers all students – 7th & 8th grade students and parents can and should join! The new line of clothing was unveiled.

**SEPTA Report** – Delegate, Deirdre Madtes reported: Next meeting on Wednesday @ Frank H. Carey H.S. – 7:30 p.m. – topic: Transition from Middle school to High School for children with disabilities…

**Poetry Coffee House**  - We are still in need of a member to chair this event!

* Principles Report - Dr. Sottile -Thank you to the Asst. Principals for all their assistance while she was out of school recovering from surgery. Our Parent/Teacher Conferences went well – the new on-line appointment scheduling went well – there was a 50% parent attendance – which is more than in year’s past.) Newsday Marching Band Competition took place at the State level – FPM placed 3rd in the State! Congratulations! The Girls Varsity won the Nassau County Championships. Next week we will be hosting the Student Showcase night – we have (22) Acts signed up to perform! There have been numerous requests to have the Connect Ed messages delivered via text in lieu of telephone calls to the home. This Friday evening will be Movie/Pizza Night for the 8th grade. Encourage your 8th graders to attend! Saturday, November 19th, will be our Leadership Youth Conference – held at FPM -- grants will be given for Leadership projects – 12 – 3 p.m. Free/Snacks will be served – for Grades 4 – 8!
* We are proud to announce the 2017 Valedictorian is Luke D’Armas and our 2017 Salutatorian is Aideen Gill! Congratulations to these two exceptional students!
* **Our Guest Speaker for the Evening: New Athletic Director, Larry Doreson**
  + Our most exciting addition to our Athletic Department is our trainer: Professional Physical Therapy/District Trainer. Allison Night! Allison will facilitate help to injured athletes and will work with them in taping/stretching, during practices, will be at our school each school day from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. to speak with any and all students or parents who have questions. She will attend all HOME Games at FPM.
  + My first year has been extraordinary! We began with our #14 seed football team that made it all the way to playoffs! The Boys Varsity Soccer team went to the County Playoffs; The Girls Varsity Volleyball team won the L.I. Championships with an amazing season! The Cross-country team’s Matthew Monahan had an amazing finish at the state level – finishing #62 of the 147 runners!
  + Winter Sports begin – this is the largest grade of 7th graders to pass through FPM! 97 girls on the Jr. High Volleyball team! All parents need to participate – so get involved! The Winter Track team has approx.. 42+ members! Our Jr. High programs are exceling!!
* Teacher Liaison Report:
  + Ms. Amanda Abbott - Teacher Liaison gave her report and read a report from the Student Activities Director, Gina D’Ammassa (who was unable to attend)
    - They have spoken to the Senior Class President – to increase the membership drive for the PTSA and Booster Club.
    - Process of bringing the classroom work report to us.
* Police Officer John Groshans – Floral Park Police Department School Liaison
  + Recently spoke with parents at Baldwin, Hewlett, Woodmere, and Plainview about internet safety and the Dark Web – What is the Dark Web – it’s really, really, really bad. (TOR) is the ending for a search on the dark web. Anything with the ending -- .onion – is layers of IP addresses, created to hide illegal activity via the Dark Web. Check what your children are searching. Be aware – stop the behavior! The Heroine epidemic continues – Discussions with the senior class is scheduled – “Chasing the Dragon” a film distributed by the FBI may be shown. NY State Law – Don’t Run – Call 911 – help students help their peers in bad situations.
* Student Liaisons:

Liz Calandra, Bryan Lezuma and Sophia Ramcharitar attended the meeting and reported:

Liz: National Junior Honor Society – Once you are in you are a lifetime member – Encourage everyone who is a member to attend the meetings; remember 20 hours of community service before you reach your senior year. Volunteer opportunities: Ms. McBride in the Math office has opportunities – the PTA and JLC and FPBS welcome volunteers for their programs. Book fair, etc. Camp Anchor counts as services – beside services admission is based on grades/recommendations by teachers. Also mentioned, 7th-8th Grade Concert performers – Please take the dress code seriously. It is important!

Sophia: Student Council President – Island Harvest Food Drive is underway – Non-perishable dry goods please! FMP was 2nd in county for donations! Let’s keep up the great work. Model UN – William & Mar y Conference went very well! Our Model UN Fund raiser is underway – we are selling wreaths, roping, and poinsettias – November 28th deadline.

Mock Trial – 1st meeting next Tuesday – Room #134 – Prosecutors/Defendants – Case from NYS Bar – Lawyer Liaisons – team will travel to the Nassau County Court to Present the case – Ms. Linger is the teacher in charge of this club.

Brian: Sr. Class President - Our Teacher Representative for the senior class is Ms. Belessis – the Senior Dinner is $65.00 and will be held @ the Westbury Manor – Packets were distributed. Our Senior Tees came in and were misprinted. We wore the mistakes! The corrected versions have arrived and are $10.00 each.

* Announcements – Were made by Lorraine Lubicich
  + November 14th – Winter Sports Begin
  + November 15th – Leo’s Club Blood Drive
  + November 18th – Fall Social – Jack Duggan’s Restaurant
  + November 23 – Emergency Evacuation Plan – 2:30 Dismissal
  + November 24/25 – Thanksgiving Recess

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.