Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA

Tuesday September 12, 2017

* **The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm**
* **The Pledge of Allegiance**
* **Welcome and Introductions –** Lorraine Lubicich introduced the board for the 2017-2018 school year.
  + Reminder that Mary Goldberg is chairperson of Hospitality Committee and there is a sign-in sheet going around for people who want to help
  + Reminder that Radhika is doing membership and people can sign up in person or online.
  + Meetings will run approximately 1 hour unless there is a special event or discussion
  + Members are encouraged to check PTSA website on FPM website for latest news and important information
  + Dr. Sottile will not be available for tonight’s meeting but wanted it communicated that the search for a new principal is continuing and a decision is expected soon. Mr. Kenny will be speaking at tonight’s meeting
* **The minutes were read by and approved**: Nora Palma (Recording Secretary) via 1st and 2nd motions Deana Mackiry and Paige DeArmas
* Treasurers Report was read by Terry Maloney (Lisa Lawrence absent)
  + Checking Account Balance is currently $17,399.80
  + With $3309.35 reflecting the real balance as $10,000 is reserved for the Cardalena Fund.
* **Announcements:** Lorraine Lubicich the proposed budget which included no significant changes going forward
  + PTSA budget goes toward funding student programs such as Challenge day, scholarships, guest speakers and refreshments for awards ceremonies.
  + The PTSA gets a portion of membership dues and the rest is paid to NY State
  + Lorraine requested a vote on the budget- all votes YES, none NO and no ABSTAIN
  + Budget passed-
  + Paige DeArmas announced that the Jr. Women’s Club will be hosting an event on 10/30/17 where people can donate 8 inches of healthy hair at Salon DiCapelli- proceeds going to make wigs for women going through chemotherapy. Haircuts are free.
  + Radhika announced that membership committee is always looking for members to assist in recruiting more members at various events. Dues are $8 for adults and $5 for students. There is an online option to join.
  + Lorraine announced that any senior to be considered for a PTSA Scholarship must be a member of the PTSA.
* **Correspondence Secretary**, Terry Maloney read several Thank You cards from graduated seniors in receipt of PTSA scholarship money as well as the Robotic Team.
* **Ways and Means Committee**- Tracy Schmid
  + There are several fundraising events that the PTSA holds throughout the year to raise money for student programs as well as scholarships
  + The first event will be help on Friday 9/29 at Plattdeutche featuring the popular band known as The Touch. There are flyers available
  + The PTSA intends to host a Shoe Drive through the cooperative efforts of an organization called “Funds2orgs” who will collect used shoes and send them to places where they can be recycled and repurposed. There is more info to come on this, including drop off sites.
  + The PTSA is hoping to continue with the Holiday Boutique in coordination with the Holiday Concerts provided the auditorium is complete.
  + The PTSA is looking into hosting a “Murder-Mystery” event that includes children in the gym- pricing and logistics are being researched
  + The PTSA is looking into ordering lawn signs that celebrate achievements of graduates, athletes or other accomplishments (sample provided by Paige DeArmas)
* **Principal’s Report:** Mr. John Kenny (for Dr. Sottile)
  + 7th grade transition is going well
  + Mr. Kenny and Mrs. Alaimo are speaking to all grades as the week progresses to review rules and procedures.
  + There is a new dean for 7th and 8th grade students- Ms. Caska who also teaches English.
  + IPAD Distribution is in final stages and is going well.
  + Construction- on time for November before Thanksgiving.
* **Teacher Liaison Report/Student Liaison**: Ms. Amanda Abbott reports that she will continue to work with the PTSA and the activities director, Ms. DeMassa (absent) as a liason between the teachers and parents.
  + Reminder- Homecoming is this weekend
  + Spirit Day/Pep Rally Friday
  + Football Game and Parade Saturday
* **Student Liaisons**: None present today
* **Officer John Groshans – Officer Liaison**
  + School Safety goals are to bring awareness to hazards outside the school- special attention paid to speeding vehicles in and around Floral Park
  + “Operation Slow Down is being conducted with increased visibility of police pulling over traffic violations such as speeding, stop signs, and seatbelts
  + Focus is on education and enforcement of traffic laws and hazards of speeding- students need to be paying attention while crossing, etc
  + Officer Groshans does at TV Show on 4V Studios discussing a new program being introduced to 10th graders at FPM called “Healthy Relationships” geared towards practices of dating in an effort to reduce human trafficking. This will be conducted 1x per week over the course of 4 weeks
  + The rate of overdosing was discussed and an increasing concern, up 80% from last year- the drug Fentanyl causing the most damage as it is transdermal, and can be easily inhaled or absorbed.
  + Narcan- there is no current opportunity for community training as there is only enough for law enforcement at this time- Offier Groshans reminds us that kids need to know there is no punishment for calling 911 for a suspected overdose. In addition, administering Narcan cannot cause harm and the person administering is held harmless under the Good Samaritan Law
  + There was a breach in security for anyone using Equifax Credit reporting- people advised to “Freeze you credit”
  + DASA training in NY State has been revisited- focusing on restorative justice for aggressors of bullying behavior- it has been piloted and initial reports show success.
  + Members advised not to accept any requests from “Air Drop” feature in IPAD and Smartphones.
* **Closing:** Lorraine Lubicich reminded everyone to sign up for committees

* + Vanessa Spinner advised she is looking for help with Academic Awards
  + Terry Maloney advised members to LIKE the PTSA on Facebook

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm