Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

* The meeting was called to order 7:37pm
* The Pledge of Allegiance
* Welcome and Introductions – Lorraine Lubicich introduced board (lisa Lawrence not present)
* Reading and approval of minutes: Nora Palma (Recording Secretary) Motion: Radhika Sawh/2nd Lydia Xikes
* Treasurers Report was read by Terry Maloney for Lisa Lawrence
  + November Balance: $6467.60 (actual minus Cardalena Fund)
  + December Balance: $6124.60 (actual minus Cardalena Fund)
* Correspondence Secretary, Terry Maloney: No Correspondence
* **Committee Reports:**
  + ***Reflections***: OVER- next event is April Poetry Café
  + ***Shared Decision*** (J. Driscoll) Fashion Show on 3/22 looking for parent models, raffle basket donations, proceeds benefit Northwell/ Muscular Distrophy

Courtyard Update- hoping to get volunteers to clean up. Students suggested asking Sewanhaka Architect program to draw plans for future design. Walkathon raised $2000/ Next meeting is 1/24/18

* + ***Website*:** Nadia shared update on new website which will be ready end of January. Current link is under construction new host will result in savings of $100 annually. The new link , will include blog, happenings, minutes and other information linked by FPM website.
  + ***Sewanhaka Delegates:***  No update
* **Ways & Means:** Tracy Schmid, **Shoe Drive** has been extended for two more weeks as truck travels down the east coast collecting from various sites. All are encouraged to clean the closets one more time! Goal is to hit 2500, currently at 1000. Ms Abbott to make another announcement to teachers. Drops off still in Ms. Cannone’s room and by security. **Super Market Bingo** will be back due to popular demand!! Date is 3/15, Gina Corcoran will be contact person.
* **Principal’s Report:** Mr. Martin:
  + Curriculum Night is scheduled for 1/11- new layout will be in effect
  + Coffee with the Principal scheduled for incoming 7th grade parents on 1/18/18 at 7pm
  + Testing calendar was incorrect- Correct Dates for Regents are 1/22 and 1/23. NO non-testing students will be allowed in the building. There will be a connect-ed going out to confirm.
  + New wing is partially open with access to the library and chorus rooms, full opening is weeks away due to some delays in delivery of large concrete slates per contractors
  + District Music Festival will be hosted by FPM @ Sewanhaka 2/8/18
  + Questions: a member asked about public use of the track when school is in session. Mr. Martin acknowledged that the signage outside contradicts itself therefore causing confusion. He is looking into how the town handles this, respecting the residents, as well as ensuring the safety of the students. Mr. Martin will conduct further inquiry into this matter.
  + Twitter reminder: initiative to open the school to the public/parents as a way to highlight happenings and pride at FPM. Members encouraged to explore Twitter using the hashtag (#) **#FPMKnights** to see all the exciting things students and teachers are doing! Mr. Martin’s handle- **@LearningSquire**

* **Student Liaisons**: Student reps were not in attendance at this meeting.
* **Special Vote:** The FPM Football team has received a donation for specific purchase of 30 new five-star helmets in the amount of $10,000. The donation will be received through the PTSA account, and the equipment will be purchased through the PTSA. A vote was needed to approve this motion..
  + **48 approve**
  + **1 abstain**

The motion was approved, the donation was accepted by the PTSA on behalf of the FPM Football team.

* **Teacher Liason: Ms. Amanda Abbott:** 
  + 12/9 Coaches vs. Cancer was a huge success raising $5000
  + The 7th grade was able to see the movie, “WONDER” as part of an ant-bullying campaign. They were given a T-Shirt, and adopted the motto, “Choose Kind” in an on-going effort to combat bullying.
  + Holiday Food Drive sponsored by Student Council raised 3000 lbs of food for Island Harvest.
  + On 2/9 there is a 6th grade activity fair at 4pm
  + February Break has 30 students going to France and Spain.
* **Special Request from Community:**  Christine Ziegler requested support from the PTSA and FP Police for Girl Scout Troop’s community initiative to draft a petition to add stop sign on Plainfield Ave and Zinnia Ave. Ms. Ziegler explained safety hazards for walkers.
* **Floral Park Police Liason, Officer John Groshans:**
  + Drive Alive program for new drivers simulator program approved for 5/25/18 through a grant donated to FPM Drivers, will start with licensed drivers, permits, and then non-drivers if time allows.
  + Advised coach to “google” Ben Slanton and read the headline. The student was expelled for taking and spreading inappropriate picture of his teacher in Plainfield, NY, taken in class. Possible loss of football career and college prospects. The use of photos and social media has direct consequences on students’ futures and should be heavily considered by school administrators when a student distributes materials in a racial, sexual or other derogatory manner, especially when taken on school grounds or during school functions.
  + Heroin Task Force- State in running out of Narcan due to having to distribute double-doses and the state running out of funds for police departments.
  + Talk to your kids about meet-ups on social media- as adults posing as teens are chatting and meeting up with underage kids for dangerous and deviant activities.
* **Announcements – Lorraine Lubicich:** 
  + **Nominating Committee**: We need members to serve on this committee which will produce names of people who can possibly serve on next year’s board. There are 4 spots open next year. Nora Palma will remain as recording secretary.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.