Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

* The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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
* Treasurers Report was given by Lisa Lawrence – the Proposed Budget was given and copies were distributed to the membership for vote. By unanimous vote the Budget was approved.
* Correspondence Secretary, Terry Maloney read thank you notes for the following: The Mason Family for the PTSA gift sent for her new baby; PTSA Scholarship Award Winners: Emma Schlechter, Brian Rattigan; Kathryn Byrnes, Matthew Cal, and Hannah Schmid.
* Report of Executive Committee – Lorraine Lubicich
  + Committee Chairs – We have sent a sign-up sheet around for volunteers. Some committees are still in need of volunteers and chairs. Please sign up.
* We are in need of Delegates for the Sewanhaka Central Council Meetings – we are asking for several volunteers so you can split the meetings throughout the year. There will 5- 6 meetings throughout the year. Reports of Standing Committees
  + By-Laws Chair Nancy Gross – presented the vote to renew our current By-laws – the vote to renew was unanimous.
  + Membership is up and running and the committee is present this evening for all those who wish to join. Please continue to spread the word – and join the PTSA. We conducted a membership drive at 7th Grade Orientation and the response was great!
  + Ways and Means – The Cosmos Event is still scheduled, however, we need everyone to purchase your tickets and support this great fundraiser. The Fall Social has been planned, Friday, November 18, 2016 @ Jack Duggan’s – Appetizers, Music, fun and friends. Please join us.
* Principles Report - Dr. Sottile - Addressed the membership and welcomed the new 7th grade Parents to our meeting. She thanked all those involved with the 7th Grade Student Orientation for a great day. The 7th Grade Parent/student meeting is planned and all 7th grade students will be receiving I-pads. Dr. Sottile introduced the New Co-Presidents of the Booster Club – Jennell Horan and Andrea DiLorenzo and then made the introduction of our new Athletic Director, Larry Doreson. Our Library has been moved during construction to the 2nd floor (Room #233) and a new librarian will be joining our staff and she will be pushing into the classrooms so all students receive the benefit of our library and its resources. Dr. Sotille gave updates on the construction, safety issues and security issues and school protocol with regard to students/parents entering the premises. Lastly, Dr. Sotille made the membership aware of a social media situation that unfolded earlier in the day. The administration followed all protocol and the Floral Park Police were immediately brought in so they could handle the situation. A connect ed would be going out during our meeting. The Parent Portal is up and running and all Parents should set up an account if they do not have one.
* Police Officer John Groshans – Floral Park Police Department School Liaison

Officer Groshans is a NYS Schools Resource Officer and brought the following announcements: Officer Groshans addressed the social media situation, gave us updated and assured all that their children’s safety was secure. He offered highlights on the Teen driver education program; FP Police Department Opioid Prevention Program; Social Media counseling and classes; Operation Safe child is ongoing– Lock-outs, lock-downs and the differences – teacher and school personnel training is still underway – Our Bullying Program is ongoing.

* Teacher Liaison Report:
  + Ms. Amanda Abbott has taken the position of Teacher Liaison and made her introductions to the Membership.
* Student Activities Director:
  + Dr. Sotille announced that Gina D’Ammassa would be taking on the role of Student Activities Director as Ms. Mason has taken a leave of absence to stay home with her new son. Ms. D’Ammassa was not present as she is currently furthering her education.
* Student Liaisons:

The 2016-2017 Student Liaison’s made their introductions: Sophia Neuscheler, Amanda Jagdeo, Matthew Casale, Liz Calandra, Bryan Lezuma, Catherine O’Brien, Sophia Ramcharitar

* Student Announcements:
  + James Craig, presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Membership (Camp Anchor Restoration of Picnic Tables)– donations and volunteers are welcome.
* Announcements – Were made by Lorraine Lubicich
  + September 17th – Our Cosmos Event
  + September 19th – College & Career Night (District) Elmont HS
  + September 21st & 22nd Faculty and Underclass Portraits
  + October 15th: Homecoming Parade and Football Game

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.