

# New Monmouth PTA

## General Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 16, 2007

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Meeting was called to order by Karen Mastria at 7:30 p.m.

### **Recording Secretary (Marlaina Triolo)**

The minutes were passed out from September 18, 2007 and accepted for file.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The report was read and accepted for file.

### **President's report (Karen Mastria)**

We are interviewing for a new Assistant Superintendent. We are interviewing both internally and externally.

### **1st Vice President (Kyle Robbins)**

Portrait day was great. We made \$370 and we only had 3 "no shows". Portrait viewing will be on Tuesday, October 23. Please remember your scheduled time. We are looking for volunteers to help out on Picture Day. Genevives fundraiser was great. We made \$3,575 and orders are scheduled to be in on October 30. Kids Stuff books will be out next week.

### **2st Vice President (Doris Finn)**

Chairperson and Class Parent tea was yesterday and went well.. PIC and Budget Awareness are the only two committees still left open. Chairpeople are welcome! Next Tuesday, October 23 will be a Fifth Grade meeting at Old Village Pub @ 7:30. Yearbook, T-Shirts and Fundraising will be discussed.

### **Corresponding Secretary (Gina Cavanagh)**

To date the PTA has received 238 members of the PTA. Forms are still available, so spread the word! PTA membership cards are coming soon.

The PTA received thank you notes from the following:

- Mrs. Roberts for pizza and drinks for New Student Lunch Bunch and for the luncheon
- Mrs. Chadwick, on behalf of the entire faculty for the lunch following "Back to School Night" and also for the new curtain for our stage
- Mrs. Scott for the terrific lunch
- Mrs. Echanty for the nice book fair and generous donation of books
- Jamie Koracowiz, Sail Teacher, for the lunch and donation of books
- New Monmouth Faculty and Staff for the wonderfully stocked snack pantry
- Diane Sebissle for the luncheon

The correspondence sent out from the PTA:

- A get well card to Pam Paul
- A card to Mrs. Scott for her loss
- A card to the Capatasto family for their daughter in the hospital
- A sympathy card to Mrs. Bisgrove for her loss
- Flowers to Mrs. Chadwick for her loss
- Birthday cards to Ms. Barradale, Ms. Goggins, Diane Meyer, and Nan Blann

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PIC / BOE**

A copy of the full report is available upon request. Here are some highlights from the PIC meeting on October 10, 2007:

Spectators at athletic events need to display good sportsmanship conduct. October 22 is a Staff-In-Service Day to provide growth to all staff members.

Progress is being made on interviewing for the following positions: Lincroft Principal, Assistant Superintendent, HS South principal, and Bayshore Assistant Principal.

The N.J. Department of Education, office of Literacy has developed a middle grades literacy design: L.E.A.D.S. which means Literacy is Essential to Adolescent Development and Success. This program is mandatory in 6<sup>th</sup> grade only this year but many 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are already implementing the program in Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. This program challenges children to aim higher than basic level achievements. It challenges them to do proficient and advanced proficient work.

The next BOE meeting is on October 22 at 7:30 p.m. at HS North. The next PIC meeting is not until December 4<sup>th</sup> at HS South. This will be a joint meeting with PIC and Presidents Council.

### **Website**

Scanning in documents is not recommended to get information onto the website. If you have information that needs to go onto the website, please e-mail the information to either Darcy Hudaks or Christine MacKay. See the website for more information.

### **Great Race**

This year will be held October 20, 2008 at HHS. Participation wasn't as high as hoped. Dorothy Pepi will be there in the morning and Kyle will be there in afternoon. The IPOD drawing will be held after the Great Race

### **Market Day**

We did great this month. We reached our goal and were able to get the books donated to our library. See the website for additional information on order deadlines and dates for pick up! The Mesquite Chicken is awesome!

### **Book Fair**

Cash profit was \$2,471. Outside that profit, we donated 100 books to science share. Parent donations amounted to \$200 worth of books to the library. Next year's book fair is scheduled for September 19 – 26, 2008. Back to School Night was a big hit and we are aiming to do it again same time next year!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Anybody still in need of getting their PTA volunteer picture taken, please see Doris Finn.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Amanda Svenson and Ali Gaul spoke to us about the tragic accident that left their friend Lindsay Capatasto in critical condition in the hospital. They are raising money to buy Lindsay a laptop computer and are asking for donations. The computer will aid in Lindsay's attempt to stay on-top of school work during her long stay at the hospital. If anyone is interested in donating to this cause, you can e-mail either Kim Svenson ([svenson2000@aol.com](mailto:svenson2000@aol.com)) or Wendi Gaul ([Gatortaz@aol.com](mailto:Gatortaz@aol.com)) to get more information. Lindsay you are in our thoughts and prayers!

School play is scheduled for the end of November.

Box Top is a great way to fundraise for the school.

Bowling for "A's" is a new PTA sponsored event that will soon be in effect. More information will be available shortly.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**