

March 4, 2020

7:04pm Regina begins meeting

January minutes approved

- Jen Melendez
- Linda Ramos

Treasurer - Sue Jex-

\$11,610.61 plus \$2,000.00 from the Lego League fund raiser

Membership- Debbie Tobar

- 351 members--- some new senior parents, since parents need to be members for the children to get scholarships

Fundraising- Mary Desiderio-

- Lego League was 3 days long
 - thank you to Cindy Valez for organizing this great event! This money covers the scholarships for seniors.
- Luigis was great to work with, we ordered 140 pies
- The Angelinas fundraiser for the HS was cancelled

Christa Basel-

- Nominations for the up coming board are needed
- Need to vote together to vote for nominating committee
- there are seven positions open
 - Christa Basel will chair
 - Debbie Tobar, Stephanie Widman, Kathy Escorcia and Michelle Zaransky
- Motion to accept the members for the committee
 - Linda Ramos and Mary Desiderio
 - Yes
- You can fill out paper to nominate someone and mail it to PTA mailbox, they will meet as a committee to see who will be selected as slate for next meeting

MTA- Mr. Smith

- apologize that he was not at the last meeting
- Dignity club- Presentations to 8th grade class student to student
 - social media safety
 - new stresses of being in HS
 - Ways to releave stress
 - meditation
- Annual 11th grade film festival - fantastic- central idea, writing strategy... 2 winners, will post videos on website
- Sister Act- previews for young kids on 3/17 and senior citizens 3/18
- Miss Oliveri and the 8th grade will see Shakespeare Presentation with Hofstra performers

Music Parents-Cindy Valez

- There is a group of singers in Rochester working with the American Coral Directors for a Competition
- Coral night was last night-Fantastic!
- String night has Mark Woods as a guest
- Jazz night was combined with swing dancing.
- Winter guard will be going to Championships in April

Booster Cub- all students who would like to play spring sports, need health permission slips handed in

SEPTA-

- March 6 6:30-9 Middle School movie night -Jumanji will be showing
- Meadow Drive PARP will start
- Scholarship fundraiser - Zumbathon will have 4 instructors
- Accepting all new positions for Board, contact email if interested
- Challenger basketball game tomorrow 4:15 at Mineola High School
 - the team will get sweatshirts with their name on them and Pep band will play

District Council- no meeting

Board of Ed- Debbie Tobar

- environmental progress
- concern of water bottles in garbage, need to be better about recycling

Principal's report- Dr. Smith

- New project- Stompani - Veterans project, Flag field of honor, Will have a ceremony
- will get more recycling bins for the school

- Reminder, Parent/teacher conferences 3/11
- Letters went home for National Junior Society
- Multi-cultural night moved to 3/24
- Board meeting moved
- Mustang Media- Twitter/ Instagram
 - News broadcasts
 - Commercial for Challenger game... great to watch!
- Bowling team - Did very well!
 - Michaela Palumbo and Phil Marchiacto both All-County and going to the

Sates

- Wrestling- Erickson Valesquez came in 2nd in the County (195 lbs) and 7th in the State! He broke the All-time winning record for Mineola Schools
- Information Award- Awarded to Jillian Parrino- NCWIT Aspirations in Computing National Honorable Mention
- Junior/Seniors back from Spain, they had a great trip (30 students)

- Environmental Club is working on growing plants with Hydroponics
- Capital projects for school
 - LED lighting
 - Solar panels above gym roof supply 100KW which allows 100 A/C units to run... School has been having students meet with companies to get an understanding of the products and how they work and get real world experiences
- Maddy Irish - 3rd place in the Long Island/NYC Metro Semi-Finals Junior Science and Humanities Symposium in the category of Earth and Space Sciences!
- Utilizing Cloud Processing and Structures to Increase Tornado Warning Times in Quasi-Linear Convective Systems
- Advanced Research Students will go to a Professional lab, letter will be going home soon.
- Athletes - Winter season is over, Spring starts 3/9
- Fine and Performing Arts- Sister Act
 - Art Student award- Austin Valez
 - All County Art Students work will be shown at SUNY FarminDgale
- Spring Road trip - Guidance
 - Maryland
 - Ryder
 - Rutgers
- Poetry Slam will be rescheduled
- Parent/Teacher conf will be 5 min each, can email or meet on guidance night if you can not get a time slot

Regina- "any other questions?"

- Jen Melendez-Do 8th grade have a separate guidance counselor?
 - NO, whole school broken down by name, about 200 kids per counselor
- Michelle Zarensky- Should we assume that all family members have the same counselor?
 - Yes
- Christa Basel - Did the Battle of the Classes get resolved?
 - Not yet! it is still tied
 - It was an electric feeling in the gym, the tug of war rope broke when the Juniors and Seniors were competing
- Mary Desiderio- I enjoyed the Mineola Proud video!

Regina- Next meeting April 1, then it is the joint meeting in May

Meeting over-7:54pm