

Mineola High School PTSA Zoom meeting 9/9/20

Attendance

1. Christa Basel
2. Erik Levin
3. Lori Massaro
4. Athena Konstantatos
5. Nancy Faccio
6. Cina Palumbo
7. Robin Bischoff
8. Miriam Shevlin
9. Zenobia Walji (Haddock)
10. Ana Garcia
11. Susan M Jex
12. Cindy Lopes
13. Whitney Smith
14. Dawn Catania
15. Diana DeJesus
16. Lauren Gottlieb Mora
17. Debbie Tobar
18. Amy Polmar
19. Silvana Marco DeFilippo
20. Terri Ann Valentino
21. Nina McCann
22. Jessica Laffey
23. Mary Desiderio
24. Mike Desiderio
25. Lind Ramos
26. Drew Smith
27. Amber Malone
28. Colleen Torres
29. Janette Figueroa
30. Michelle Rescigno
31. Janette Figueroa
32. Nicole Matzer
33. Julia Perrino
34. Michele Zaransky
35. Eugenia Nikou
36. Ms. Gilliam
37. Stefanie Widman
38. Kelly Joaquin
39. Jennifer Amore Melendez
40. Ann Verastegui
41. Cathy Carr
42. Kathy Escorcica
43. Deborah DaSilva

44. Lynda Stewart
45. Joanne Farrell
46. Joanne Steihl
47. Mag C
48. Manuel Reyes

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Zoom

7:03pm

Board:

Kathy Escorcia, Jennifer Amore Melendez, Christa Basel, Miriam Shevlin, Zenobia Walji (Haddock), Diana DeJesus, Deborah DaSilva and Cathy Carr

Presidents welcome:

- Kathy gave directions on how to put yourself in as attendance, we need 15 members to make a quorum.
- Kathy went over the guidelines to be safe
- Kathy mentioned that after the elections last year, Susan Jex stepped down from the board, the board voted for Deborah Dasilva to replace her as treasurer.
- The board introduced themselves
- Deborah was able to share the agenda on the computer screen for everyone to see.
- Kathy- Please contact us if you are interested in helping the PTSA in any way.
- Kathy- We need to approve the minutes from March 4, May 18, and May 22.
 - -Deborah was able to show the minutes on the computer screen
 - All three minutes approved by Mary Desiderio
 - seconded by Christa Basel
 - 10 members approved all three minutes

Treasurer report- Deboral DaSilva

- Shows budget on screen
- Projected budget
- There are things that did not happen last year, and things that are still not paid
- We removed the Lego cost and revenue from the budget, since we are unclear about hosting this year
- The gift card fundraiser will be later, 10/11
- Spirit wear, picture day and mum sale should all be able to purchase on the Store on the school website
- Donation to 8th grade class instead of the BBQ
- Class donations
- District Council dues
- New to the budget, Zoom fee
- Purchased gift for all of the HS staff, Popcorn
- Questions from the members,
 - Lori Massaro
- What will the money form the 8th grade donation go towards?
 - Kathy- The money will help off-set the prom bids for that grade
 - Michele Zaransky
- What is the budget now? What are you not doing?
 - Kathy- \$12,359.50 with scholarship, boat money as outstanding checks, so minus \$3,900.00 money is allocated already, and carry over is \$5,000.00

-Jen Amore-Melendez- planning on expenses depends on what can we fund or not this year.

-Dr. Smith- Some fund raising is possible, Picture Day, mums (whole district now), and the clothing collection, we should not have issues since we have a surplus of \$5,000.00.

-Deborah DaSilva- It is very important for you to understand that in the last months, there has been some very thoughtful considerations of the activities that can happen, and wanting to keep things in the budget, please take part in the activities to benefit the High School, like the gift cards. Please support so we can still do the activities to benefit the students.

-Linda Ramos- Last year the student activity line was changed and increased, we voted to move money from senior cruise to student activities. It is used for the Bereavement Christian Melendez Scholarship, there should be about \$900.00 left, don't take unless needed

Kathy- Motion to accept the budget

-Miriam Shevlin

-2nd Kelly Joquin

-All in favor 10 hands

-any opposed? no

-Budget approved

Kathy- Committes

-8th grade BBQ is cancelled, the money is now donated to the class

-Membership- Diana- Please join the PTSA, the link is on PTSA website and HS home page add family members individually and you can donate to the staff appreciation lunch on the site as well.

-Seniors, it is very important to join the PTSA, the scholarships are only given to students of members.

- We have 67 members today, our goal is 400. There is an Early bird award of \$100.00 cash to the schools who get 60% by Sept 30.

- Amber- How many members were there last year?

- -Debbie Tobar- Last year there were 380 members, we have a total of 1,100 students in the school. The teachers join via the teachers union

- Ms. Gilliam-When a student joins, what activities do they participate in?

- Jen- They can vote on PTSA matters and volunteer in the fundraisers

-Christa Basel- Mum sale- Announcement- mum sale will be a pre-order and drive thru pick up on 10/2 send order to PTSA mailbox or go to the store in the member hub site and order.

-please do the membership and mums separately, it will make the bookkeeping easier

-the deadline is 9/16, there are new items since we are doing pre-order, cabbage and kale basket, corn stalks and hay bails, we hope to be successful!

Kathy-Spirit wear will be an ongoing sale on memberhub. We are looking for a chair person, please contact us in the chat if you are interested.

Kathy- Bylaws

Our bylaws expire on 10/1, we need a committee of an odd number of people to work on them. They will be presented in October.

Mr. Smith-MTA rep- introduced himself

-Nothing to report since it is the second day of school. Some were apprehensive to go back to school but the administration did everything to make it so all could come back. The days have gone well and the kids are good.

Kathy- we need reps from Music Parents, Booster Club and the BOE, please offer to do so in the chat

District Council- Christa Basel President

-We are a group of reps from all buildings in the district

-Regina Valente and Carol Andridi are volunteers who will report back

-Please practice what we preach, wet good examples and answer the HealthTrac App honestly

SEPTA- Miriam Shevlin-Co-President

-Special Education Parent Teacher for the whole District. We will be meeting on Zoom on Monday 9/22 at 7pm. We are looking for a speaker for the meeting, we try to have someone talk. ie. anxiety, college

-There is a rep for each building, please join and support. Mr. Gavin sent out an email for the membership.

-We do many events for the entire district such as family paint night in Nov., Gingerbread University in December and a Holiday Party and Pancake breakfast. We are holding a fundraiser now for lanyard for keys or masks. You can find info on SEPTA FB page or email. They are \$3 each or 2 for \$5

Zenobia- Corresponding Secretary

-We have a "thank you" from a student for an award. Matthew Catania thanked us for the Mineola High School PTSA Mustang Scholarship he received last year.

-Please visit Twitter, FB and our website for all info and events

-MineolaHSPTSA.webly.com

-Mineola HS

-@MineolaHSPTA

New Business-Kathy

-We purchased popcorn as a gift for all of the staff, it will be delivered on Friday. We purchased 170 bags that have a sticker saying, "popping by to say who is butter then you" from the PTSA

Principal- Dr. Smith

- Welcome back to this hybrid/virtual/8th grade
- Thank you Mr. Smith for the kind comment, the staff has bonded and come together as a community... COVID has a silver lining.
- Report- Our first 2 days we have had a slight delay with the health app. If the student does not have the app completed, they have to go to the cafeteria and see a nurse.
- Sept 11 Spirit day and a live streaming of the 9/11 ceremony at the end of the day
- We will still be having a can drive for the Mary Brennan Inn
- Cafeteria has free lunch for all students thanks to the NYS order
- Please keep students home if they are sick
- We have made the hallways and stairwells all one way, it is working out well
- We are staggering dismissal
- There is no movement about the school sports at this time
- We are exploring ideas about how to get the clubs and activities to get started and be re-imagined
- Picture day- we added 2 more days because of the A/B schedule
- Students must wear masks and follow guidelines, stay 6 feet apart in the classroom
- Parents and teachers are asked to follow the HS on Instagram and Twitter. If the family is not getting Dr. Smith's newsletter, please get in touch with the office so you can be added.
- Wish you all health and happiness, we had a great start to the school year!

Kathy- Any questions?

- Are we going to utilize the space outdoors?
 - Dr. Smith
 - Yes, the tent is ordered, we will need staff to monitor the space. Some classes are working outside on their own.
- Michele Zaransky
- - -What is happening with drivers ed?
 - -Dr. Smith- The students who started the spring will finish, then the fall session will start afterwards.
- Eric Levin
 - Will 11th grade PSAT in October?
 - Dr. Smith- Yes!

Kathy- Joanne Steihl- the Music Parents will have their meeting and choose a rep on 9/16

Jen Amore-Melendez- Campus closed?

- Dr. Smith- no, seniors can go and get temp checked when they get back

Christa Basel- Virtual, homeroom attendance is different then in school?

-Dr. Smith- Moved HR to add time to arrival

Kathy- Meeting is adjourned ! 8:10pm

