Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 Mineola High School PTSA Meeting

Start time ZOOM 7:07 pm

**Attendance:**

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| Christa BaselPriya shahDebbie TobarDeborah DaSilva Whittney SmithCathy CarrLori MassaroLauren Gottlieb-MoraChristina Lingley  Zenobia HaddockAmy PolmarJennifer Amore-MelendezMiriam ShevlinRegina ValenteNancy FarrellyWanda Catalano  Kathy Escorcia  Mr. Smith  Silvana Dimarco DeFillipo  Nicole Matzer  Dey Mercado  Frances McIntosh  Laura Gaglione  Gabriela Ramos  *23/24 are paid PTSA members* |
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**Kathy Escorcia:**

Welcome note to the meeting attendees

Call to accept meeting minutes

Christa Basel mentioned – there was a correction needed on the Committee Report was presented by Kathy Escorcia and not Christa Basel as she was not present in the meeting that took place on February 2nd.

Priya Shah acknowledged and made the corrections.

Once corrected the meeting minutes for last month will be accepted.

**Deborah DaSilva- Treasurer Report**

Ending $10,731

Four amendments to the budget included:

1. Removing Lego event from income and expense sections of the budget as the event was canceled due to Covid.
2. Removing Picture Day from income as the check will go directly to the Senior Class (via Dr. Smith)
3. Renaming Senior Cruise/Decision Day to Senior Event on both income and expense sections
4. Senior cruise/Decision Day – change the name to Senior event

These changes were necessary as AIM is the insurance carrier for the PTSA and it is not allowed to host an event such as the Senior Boat Trip. After explaining the need for the changes, it was voted and approved to allow these amendments. The changes were made during the meeting and incorporated into the current budget.

Kathy asked if we had a motion. Amy Polmar and Nicole Matzer both agreed to pass the motion.

We had a quorum to pass a vote, Kathy asked for aye/nay from the group to determine vote. There was a unanimous aye to vote the amendments into action with no opposition.

**PLEASE NOTE: For your vote to count, you must be a member of the HS PTSA.**

Kathy acknowledged that the Treasurer Report looked good, and no one had any questions.

Dr. Smith further added his insight.

Total cost of Boat cruise - $14,300

Historical gifts towards the cruise - $3,000

Current Student responsibility - $25

With the raise in Cruise Cost and what given by PTSA the student responsibility will raise - $66.50

Dr. Smith in conversation with Senior class advisors to go over the impact of these changes.

PTSA proposed to hold fundraisers if necessary.

**Member Reports – Kathy Escorcia**

Surpassed our annual goal for members with 421 members with a goal of 389.

Brenna Schettino is organizing logo contest.

There will be 1 winner and chosen logo will go on the Spring Merch.

Winner will win $50 to Target gift card + Visa card for Merch

**Nominating Committee – Cathy Carr**

Deborah DaSilva

Cathy Carr

Michelle Bonetti

Gabriella Ramos

Georgette Strobel

Positions of the Mineola High School PTSA Board are:

1 President or 2 Co-Presidents new person(s) needed

Vice President-Fundraising new person needed

Vice President-Membership new person needed

Vice President- Bylaws and procedures (formerly VP-nominations) (Cathy Carr is eligible for a 2nd term)

Vice President- social media new person needed

Treasurer new person needed

Corresponding Secretary new person needed

Recording Secretary (Priya Shah is eligible for a 2nd term)

Nominations are needed ASAP.

Attached is the Goggle nomination form <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#search/daSilva/FMfcgzGmvLPXCRxwKNCzBjdXvhQZTSfj?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1.1>

**District Report – Amy Polmar**

Coming week, the Mineola Marching band is going to march in the St. Patrick’s Day parade.

District Goose chase in May

Septa Carnival schooled in June

Movie drop-off for younger children Grades 4-7 on March 4th.

Reflection’s winner that moved to State – their work will be displayed on May 3rd.

**Booster Club – Cathy Carr**

Mustang Stakes on 04/02.

Similar theme as previous years, even same MC

Flyer regarding the Mustang Stakes is up on the FB page

In-person meeting in Library next week

Fall sports looking to collect boxes – please let us know if you are interested.

**Septa Report-Miriam Shevlin**

Movie drop-off for younger children Grades 4-7 on March 4th.

Carnival on June 10th

Application for scholarships is due – Septa has very generous scholarships please apply

**Dr. Smith – HS Updates**

March Newsletter attached

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12yr7yFYFcUeRUVVIswnzeEqnrzKxVRt0-dHO4SWqvdM/edit>

Today marked the first day where the mask mandate was relaxed, there was a 60/40 mix of students and staff with or without masks. Overall, the spirit was of acceptance no instances of bullying or harassment were noted, folks respected each other’s choice.

Scheduling is going to begin in March for the 2022-2023 school year.

High School Parent-Teacher conference is on Wednesday, March 9th offered with the option of in-person and virtual.

Only school on Long Island to host 2 trips – 1 to Italy and 1 to Disney both were very successful thank you to the teachers who supported this effort.

Celebrations:

Congratulations to senior Stephanie Bell who was recently honored by Senator Anna M. Kaplan’s office as a distinguished honoree at her Black History Month Celebration.

The Boys and Girls Varsity Bowling team seasons concluded with a 1st and 2nd place finish reversing what occurred last year.

National Foreign Language Week is March 6 -12, 2022 and will be celebrated at Mineola High School with a celebration of music each day during passing times as well as an announcement each day during the morning announcements.

Congratulations to Jeremiah Allsopp who finished in 5th place for the Triple Jump at the Nassau County Class C Championships!

Congratulations to our 2022 @NYSAHPERD Physical Education students of the year! We are #MineolaProud of Daniella Speranza and Brendan Morrison.

Upcoming Events:

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| * 3/1 - District Choral Night (7:00 pm) * 3/1 - Booster Club Meeting (7:00 pm) * 3/2 - PTSA Meeting (7:00 pm) * 3/2 - Music Parents Mtg (7:30 pm) * 3/3 - BoE Workshop Meeting (7:00 pm) * 3/4 - End of Q3 Interim Period * 3/9 - District Jazz Night * 3/9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (7:00 pm) | * 3/11 - Junior Class Carnival Night (6-8:00 pm) * 3/12 - SAT & Subject Tests * 3/13 - Daylight Savings Time   (Set Clocks Ahead 1 hour)   * 3/14 - Spring Sports Begins * 3/14 - Advisory (Period 4 will not meet) * 3/17 - BoE Business Meeting (7:00 pm) * 3/29 - In School ACT Exam |

**Kathy Escorcia – Old Business**

The new Procedures and Bylaws were adopted

Updates procedures are available on the website – link below

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-OgS57annuBv1fLFfmg2iUGUPLu3Uw_IUzZ1ZVB2yRw/edit>

HS PTSA- Last month we had a fun student contest to guess movie titles related to Love, Kindness, and friendship. Congratulations to our winners Danielle Matatov, Arrow Larson, and Derek Escorcia. Each winner won a $15 gift card to Duck Donuts.

**New Business**

Teacher appreciation week – in need of 3 sub-committees

1 Luncheon

1 Goose Chase – in addition to the district-sponsored, this will be Goose Chase for students and teachers

1 committee to coordinate gifts(inexpensive) for the teachers/staff

**VP of Fundraising – Christa Carr**

Clothing drive scheduled for April 9th – we are paid by the lb.

Flyers will have information eligible/non-eligible items

In need for Volunteers – students can volunteer for service hours or just for the kindness of their heart.

**Meeting over – 7:07 PM**