

ALBANY AVENUE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Albany Avenue Elementary School
101 N. Albany Avenue, N. Massapequa, NY 11758

Minutes of the PTA Regular Meeting: March 5, 2019

- **Meeting Start Time:** 9:25 a.m.
- **End Time:** 10:27 p.m.
- Deborah Scanlan, PTA Co-President, called the meeting to order. She pointed out the fire exit locations, began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, informed members that the meeting will be live streamed on Facebook, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Deborah introduced the guest speaker, Laura Iacono, licensed dietician from Long Island Cares.

Meeting Information and Business:

No Unfinished Business

- Deborah Scanlan and Maria Ferrante attended LegCon with public officials. Discussion was mainly on legalization of marijuana to be included in the NYS budget vote for 4/1/19, mandated vaccines, mental health, and school safety.
- Mid year audit of the Albany Ave PTA books was completed and signed off.
- Council updates – new school calendar approved for 2019/2020, improved district communication, and school budget meetings will be held every Wednesday in March.
- St. Baldrick's fundraising event by the school has raised \$16k. The winner that fundraises the most will shave Mr. Valentine's head at the event.

Maria Ferrante read the Treasurer's Report dated March 5, 2019, the balance in our books as of March 5, 2019 was \$36,881.73. The books have been reviewed by Lisa Noonan.

Committee Groups/Chairs and SEPTA Update:

Membership – Enza Ippoliti, unit is at 403 members

PARP – Bridget Stegmeier and Lauren Stegmeier - no update

Reflections – Carmella Vetere & Jenny Dowd – no update

School Store – Norene Puetz & Rosa McGuinness

School Pictures – Gina Suwalski & Laurie DeMarco – 3/22 to take 5th Grade group picture for yearbook.

Book Fair – Jillian McManamon – no update

Talent Show – Rosa McGuinness, Christine Salvo & Lisa Burfitt – The show will be held on March 12th at Saltzman Elementary school 7pm.

5th Grade Committee – Maria Ferrante & Deena Giovannelli – Working on & “save the date” for celebration

Basket Bonanza – Sharron Zimmerman - Actively planning the event to be held at Nutty Irishman on April 4th. Buffet dinner and cost is \$15 p/p. Still looking for donations.

SEPTA – Lisa Klein – very successful Valentine's Day wooden flower sale, The Night of Laughs will be held in mid March and tickets are \$20 each.

Box Tops – Lia Mirabella – Have collected \$595 in Boxtops with the second contest that concluded at the end of February. Mrs. Nunez's class won the contest for a pizza party based on most Boxtops collected.

Arts & Ed – Discussion on various programs that have been brought into the school in the last month.

Sprees – Linda Pervecal – no update

Jenkins – Christine Salvo – no update

Jump Rope for Heart – OPEN

Smooth Start – Bridget Stegmeier – no update

Family Fun – Jennifer Cook & Shaun Cook – Family Fun Free Bingo event will be held in Heritage Hall on Thursday, March 21. Two sessions will be held.

Ways and Means – Kelly Sexauer – no update

Plant Sale – Jillian Mcmanamon -pre-orders will be going home in March. 4 raffles of hanging plants to anyone that places an order. Working on Mother's Day Plant sale ideas to improve sales – will sell foil small balloons.

Nominating Committee – Stacia Marino – Nominations are due today. Several open positions.

5K – Leanne Biscardi – Will be held on Sat, April 13, 2019. New this year – Fun Run participants will receive a medal and a shirt. Offering new \$20 student rate to entice more runners from the community. Currently looking for sponsors. Tickets are now on sale. Fun Run will be at 8:30am and 5K will start at 9am.

Meeting Information Continues:

Mr. Valentine spoke on testing simulation taking place for 3-4 grades today as a test run for actual testing to be held in April. Student council is selling bracelets to raise money for St. Baldrick's. Collected \$96 so far.

Ducks tickets are on sale. Board of Ed is doing site visits. AA Math Teacher, Mrs. Puglisi, will present at a San Diego National Convention, was selected among various candidates. Music in our Schools kicked off this week.

Guest speaker discussed her background as a private practitioner and as a representative from Long Island Cares. Discussed healthy snacking – only needed if not eating for 4 hours. Breakfast – try to fill up with one of 3 meal groups. Snacks with fiber are the most recommended. Fruits and veggies are the best snack. You want snacks with more than 2 grams of fiber and less than 6-8 grams of sugar. Recommendations for adults – don't verbalize when you do not like a "food" type in front of your kids. Snacking curtails hunger. Don't be sneaky about food. Eat as a family.

Next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 2nd at 7pm.** Student of the quarter awards will be presented at that meeting and the new 2018/2019 PTA Executive Position slate will be voted on.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:27 am.

PTA meeting minutes approved on _____

Signed by: _____ Title _____