

## Minutes from Little Tor PTA Meeting Oct., 6th 2011

In attendance: Dee LaNave, Sabina DeGaetano, Suzanne Iovino, Ms. An, Amanda Trigg, Jessica D'Amore, Linda Berard, Suzanne Laschet, Katie Ottenheimer, MaryAnn Wood, Marni Blotner, Diane Scalisi, Tanisha Mitchell, William and Michele Bowman, Meghan Clark, Donna Lapetito

Meeting called to order 6:42pm

### Welcome and Introductions:

- Dee LaNave opened the meeting, introduced herself welcomed crowd to meeting.
- Everyone else in the room introduced themselves

### President's Report:

- Reported on SEPTA - explained what it is and noted that some changes have been made, if SEPTA is something that concerns you feel free to contact Dee if you have not gotten word of changes.
- BOE meeting report
- TA discussion on retirement place
- West Nyack principal, parents want a full time principal they like the one that's there questioned the board on why they have not made the appointment as of yet.
- PARP - explained what this is and noted that we do need someone to run this event.
- the person who does run it works closely with the school to organize events.
- put some ideas on the table for discussion.
- passport around the world was very well received as it might tie in nicely to International Night.
- Reflections
- Diversity Means -new theme this year.
- as we did last year this will be a morning assembly in hopes to draw a bigger crowd.
- Instructed Vote
- #1 Council Scholarship Fund - everyone in room voted yes.
- #2 PTA contribution of \$125 for council delegates -council deleted this vote, no need to discuss.
- #3 Council will withdraw no more than \$150 of annual interest earned from scholarship fund - everyone in room voted yes.

### Principal's Report

Garden Project - had a difficult time getting starting Food Service has agreed to work with us to plant seeds (herbs) and they will use in the lunch room for sauces, etc.

NYS and RC Farm to You project - Mrs. Jolly presented to group about our ideas and how we started our garden.

There will be a squash tasting at school on Oct. 21st in the cafeteria.

Student Council - will partner with garden theme to paint a mural on the window, fence is already up - come and check it out.

All of above really work together with our Passport to Learning idea, we continue along the learner profile traits.

If anyone would like to volunteer to kick off the herb garden feel free to contact Ms. An.

Parent Meetings: as mentioned at Meet the Teacher Night, Ms. An agreed to meet with all 3rd and 5th grade parents. She is amazed at the turnout and happy with results/

Student Council - started last week.

sold bracelets

took profit from bracelet sales to create "role model" tee shirts.

co-sponsoring a tag sale next Sunday with 5th grade next Sunday.

Smart board assistance-we have one smart board that need to be hung. The cost of hanging it is \$1400, the district will not pay the amount, if Little Tor can pay half, Ms. An is proposing the PTA split the cost.

#### Website Proposal

Dee presented idea of creating a Little Tor PTA website.

listed references as to get ideas

informed crowd to send any and all ideas to the PTA via the gmail account.

proposed launch date is Jan or Feb 2012

#### Diane

Budget, provided copies for everyone

\$7,500 in enrichment activities - the PTA profits \$2,500

Membership is doing well, to date we have 119 members

We have purchased recess equipment for the school this year.

#### Cultural Arts

Linda reported that the PTA spends about \$13,000 on Cultural Arts throughout the school year.

there are great assembly's and workshops that are available all year long.

each class will get 2 workshops per year

Nov. 4th - k-5 assembly with Huga Toga to promote literacy.

Nov. 18th - k-5 assembly on anti-bullying. "never stop to lose your dream"

Dee opened floor for any suggestions for upcoming meetings-guest speakers, etc

Ms. An talked about a workshop she attended. Importance of Family Meals

a suggestion was made that if we get the speaker to our next meeting we will raffle off a gift certificate to a local restaurant for a family dinner.

#### Vice Presidents Reports

Sabina - Fundraising

twist and shake fundraiser - \$200

school clothing, sale at kindergarten social - \$219

kids books- just came home today in backpacks, great value  
restaurant of the month will be starting soon.

one day of each month a local restaurant will give back to little tor,  
a portion of their proceeds for the night. - October is American Burrito, stay tuned for the  
date!

Art to remember, going home next week.

One chairperson is needed for a spring chocolate fundraiser

Angela - #2

membership is up, glad to report

said peace about people who do not join the PTA but attend all the  
functions that the PTA puts on for them and their children

Ms. An suggested a contest for PTA membership, so that we can reach 100%  
enrollment - challenged us to create more of a draw - you get something special if you  
join, etc.

will develop a more informed flyer announcing PTA membership and all  
it's benefits also stressing how it's not an automatic volunteer position if you join.

will also hold a contest amongst the classes - for the class that has the  
highest pta membership, Ms. An will serve them lunch.

Meghan Clark will work toward getting the entire staff to join the PTA, if this is  
accomplished, they will get to pick what Ms. An wears for Halloween.

Katie - Programs

Rewards programs at Stop and Shop - please sign up and encourage  
everyone else to do the same. They give out a lot of money if you can just bear with the  
system of trying to sign up....it's a little tough but call customer service if needed.

Needs help:

PARP

Reflections - needs help with judging, overall program brings Art  
to School.

Family Fun Night

Send your ideas in

Someone suggested a night of bingo

Someone suggested overall game show night

Marnie Blotner

Reported on Box Tops - first contest going home tomorrow.

Prizes are awarded to the class that turns in the most sheets.

Open Floor

5th grade is putting the yard/tag sale together please come out in support, buy a  
table for \$25 or just donate your stuff to sell or better yet, come and shop!

group decided that having someone come to talk to PTA about family meals  
would be a great event.

Meeting adjourned 8:05