

**Commack PTA Council Executive Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. President Angela Cicalo presiding.
The pledge was said.

Mrs. Newman:

- Budget presentation. (Presentation distributed and reviewed.)
- Budget increase of 1.61% over last year.
- Proposed tax levy increase is 2.51%, which is below the tax cap of 2.91%.
- The district will begin funding Arts in Ed next year, which will relieve the fundraising burden previously placed on PTA.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund:

Share Draft Checking	\$ 50,010.09
Savings/Scholarship	\$ <u>18,509.55</u>
Total	\$68,519.64

Highlights from the month: we received the photography proceeds in the amount of \$17,486.08. Over the summer, the Council executive committee will meet and determine each unit's allocation and the monies will be distributed in the fall (along with the KidsArt proceeds). Some of the photo proceeds will also be allocated to disability awareness programs and the remainder to scholarships. The units will receive an email with the expected allocations as soon as they are determined.

Insurance bills were mailed to each unit. The amount to pay is \$300. Sign where indicated, and only write a check for \$300. Send those in ASAP.

It is strongly urged that EVERY unit's treasurer (and all other officers) attend an upcoming training by Suffolk County PTA: May 31 or July 14. There should be no excuse for missing Form 990 filing deadlines, insurance payment deadlines, and subjecting your unit to late fines or losing tax-exempt status.

Finally, the end of the fiscal year is quickly approaching so get in any reimbursement/payment requests and deposits to me as soon as you can. Thanks!

April Minutes: Were reviewed and stand approved.

Correspondence: None

Board of Ed: Steve Hartman:

- Budget Vote May 17th

Community Relations—D. Virga:

- CHS Transition Night was well attended and went well.
- CMS Transition Night is 5/29.
- Marion Carll Jamboree fundraiser raised \$2,400.
- Security Connector group has met.

President's Report:

- The Council Committee form for next year will be posted & emailed next week - please fill out and return it if you are interested in joining or chairing a Council committee next year. Current chairs that are leaving your committee please send me any recommendations you may have for a possible successor.
- All units: please check with your building calendar rep to confirm that all of your dates were placed on the calendar, all conflicts were resolved and any new dates added.
- Please remember that Budget Presentations at PTA meetings are scheduled this month – Tomorrow @ 9:45 at MSIS and Thursday night @ 8 @ CHS. If you are hosting, please make necessary arrangement and be prepared with necessary AV equipment.
- Remember PTA never endorses a candidate. So even though Jarett is running unopposed for the BOE trustee position, PTA cannot lend its name to any campaign. It is a violation of our 501c3 status.

- Each unit should be well into the process of selecting their SBMT parent representatives for next year. This including an interview process. Council is now in the process of collecting letters of interest for the District SBMT. Please see me at the end of the meeting if you are considering it. The notice is posted on Backpack News
- As we wrap up the school year, I would like to remind all Presidents/treasurers to
 - Make the final membership payment,
 - Pay your insurance for next year. All Presidents should have received their bill for next year from AIM in the mail a 2 or 3 weeks ago.
 - Complete the New Officer contact form online @ nyspta.org. As of May 1st, it is all done through MemberHub. All changes need to be entered by the outgoing officer.
 - Complete a year-end audit of the financials. The audit is the responsibility of this year's treasurer, not the incoming treasurer.
- Lastly, Suffolk Region PTA is now on FB if you are interested in following them. I do and they have some interesting information and articles posted.

Dates to Remember:

5/9 - VOTER REGISTRATION @ CMS & CHS
 Friday 5/11 – District AIE meeting – RH @ 930
 5/15 - BOE Budget Vote/Trustee Election @ CMS/CHS 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM & DISTRICT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 5/17 - District Wide Volunteer Luncheon at HUBBS @ 12noon
 5/17 Suffolk PTA Spring Conference at Villa Lombardi's
 5/21- Monday Presidents' Roundtable lunch @ Noon, HUBBS – invite your incoming presidents.
 5/25 – Relay for Life @ CHS
 5/28 - SCHOOL CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
 5/31 - New Officer training sponsored by Suffolk PTA – bylaws require officers attend training.
 6/4 – Next Council Mtg 8pm Hubbs
 Reminder - 7/14 Suffolk by the Sea workshops.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy: None

Arts in Ed:

- Reps should be working on next year's programs.
- KidsArt – A shadow box will be offered next year for purchase.

Budget:

- See above.
- Voter registration is May 9th.
- Budget Vote is May 15th.
- Need volunteers to give out flyers on day of budget vote.

Disabilities Awareness: None

Education: None

Environment:

- Villadom mall information meeting is 5/17.

Health and Safety:

- Blood drive 6/6 1:00-7:00 at Sawmill; will be run by the NY Blood Center.
- Paper and online sign-up available. Online: "Community Events" or on Backpack News.

Legislation: None

Nutrition:

- Whitson's is trying "Meatless Mondays"
- Please give two weeks' notice for any catering at year-end.
- CMS and CHS trying Breakfast pizza and chicken patty & egg sandwiches.

Publicity:

- We will be posting signs about the budget vote throughout the community.

Reach:

- Summer trip programs are sold out.

Scholarship:

- USDAN scholarship at CMS was won by a 6th grader, who will study piano.
- There are three unclaimed scholarships from last year. Winners will be notified of 6/15 deadline to claim them.
- We received \$40 in Memorial Donations.
- We will sell graduation themed “John’s Crazy Socks” as a fundraiser.

School Based Management:

- Anyone interested in being a member (We need three), please see Angela Cicalo.

School Board: None

SEPTA: None

Teacher Representative—Ms. Wynn:

- CTA is collecting new and gently used children’s summer clothing during the first week of June. The big yellow boxes will be in the school lobbies and the donation goes to the Long Island Homeless Shelter.
- CTA is supporting the School Budget and we ask all community members to vote YES on May 15th.
- District Festival of the Arts is on 5/15 at CHS and CMS from 4-9pm.
- District will honor all 2018 retirees and staff who celebrate 25 years of service to the District on May 24th.
- 5th grade Camp Mariah trips are this week and next week.
- District wide Volunteer Luncheon is May 17th at noon at Hubbs.
- RELAY FOR LIFE is Friday, May 25th at CHS. Please join us and donate to the American Cancer Society.

Website:

- Brenda needs lists of next year’s Executive Officers for the school calendar.
- Teachers will have web pages next year instead of eBoards. There will be training in September for Web Reps from each school.

New Business:

- Vote for the PTA Council to support the budget: upon motion duly made, and after vote, it was resolved that PTA supports the proposed ’18-’19 budget.
- Vote on slate: upon motion duly made, and after vote, it was resolved that the following positions were elected as Council officers for the 2018-2019 school year:
 - President—Diana Michel
 - 1st VP-- Tara Darvassy
 - 2nd VP-- Rebecca Ben Ezra
 - Corresponding Secretary—April Haupt
 - Recording Secretary—Kate Van de Berghe
 - Treasurer—Nicole Perez
 - Past President—Angela Cicalo
- Officers will be sworn in at June PTA Council meeting.
- Town of Smithtown offers Regents review courses.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Next meeting June 4th at 8pm.