

BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL
PTSA MEETING

September 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Liz Cotton.

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Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

Treasurers Report: Budget was reviewed and a motion to approve was made and seconded.

Correspondence: Thank you cards were read.

Principal's Report: Mr. Spence went over the calendar for October. He welcomed everyone and wants everyone to feel free to contact him with any concerns. A presentation was shown regarding a father's devotion to his son called "Team Hoyt." Mr. Spence discussed the letter received about regarding H1N1. Any new information will be sent home and via Connect Ed. There are no confirmed cases to date. A letter was sent out in August about graduation. Site based made a recommendation and it went before the Board and it was approved to have the graduation on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. on June 25th. The prom will still be the 24th. There will be rehearsal on the 25th at 10:00 a.m. with the Senior breakfast. They will be back at 6:30 for the ceremony. The graduation will be out at the Athletic Complex. Mr. Franchi's suggestion was to have a "TGIF" night at Bethpage High School. It was decided that we will be opening the school up eight nights during the year where kids can come to the high school on Friday night to play basketball, pool, ping pong, dodge ball, and have pizza.

Site Based: Every staff member has a picture ID. All adults are to come in through the main entrance and will sign in and receive an ID badge. We discussed TGIF which will be starting in a few weeks.

MSG Varsity: There is a new channel coming out. There is also a website www.msgvarsity.com Any club will be promoted on Channel 614. Media Technology Site. If you signed the form allowing your student to be on the site they will be. If you don't want them to appear you need to sign form and return.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Kozlowski the Math Director, wanted to let everyone know that this is the first year the Geometry course is going on. There is a lot of online extra help and practice and if you did not make it to Back to School Night, just make sure you contact your child's teacher and they will let you know what to do with that. Astronomy Night is Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. September 23 is late registration deadline for the October SAT. College Expo at SUNY Old Westbury on September 27th. October 1st is the registration deadline for the November SAT Homecoming is October 3rd Tara Costa Run & Education. Mr. Frantze has asked all the athletic teams if they would either volunteer to help out, participate, or even set up booths...maybe the Soccer team to set up a clinic, how to kick the ball. National Honor Society: They have been selected to be part of the Long Island Challenge and that will be taping some time in November.

Presidents Report: Liz welcomed everyone. Bethpage Educational Foundation that was started last year and all the money that they raised is going to the Bethpage Education Foundation. It is separate from the school district so that if there is a need in the district it is not funded through the budget and it doesn't require votes. They are going to decide how to divvy that money up but the money is going into the foundation and then they are going to decide. They were talking giving scholarships.

Membership: Membership is off to a good start. Please encourage your child to join. Membership fee is \$8.00 per adult and \$3.50 per student. Please remember to join SEPTA which helps all the children in all of our five schools.

Doo Wop Show: Second Doo Wop Show will be held February 13 and Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge will be performing. The PTSA will be selling refreshments in the lobby.

Homecoming: Homecoming will be held October 3rd at the Bethpage High School. This year it will be held in connection with the Bethpage Health and Wellness Fair and Tara Costa 5K Race. BHSPTSA will be selling merchandise. We could always use your help so if you are interested please come down.

Textile Reconciling: Any old clothing, drapes, blankets, rugs, handbags, sneakers, etc., any other textile you can think of can be dropped off at the bin anytime. The blue bin is located by the pool outside in the parking

lot. Our PTSA receives 13 cents per pound which doesn't sound like much but we do get a check from anywhere between \$35.00 and \$50.00 a month.

Welcome Back Breakfast: Last Friday was the Welcome Back Breakfast. Coffee, tea, hot fresh bagels and cream cheese platters and coffee cake were served.

Ninth Grade Orientation: August 26th the PTSA provided refreshments for the Ninth Grade Orientation. Water and cookies were given to all incoming freshman as they stopped by the lunchroom.

Committee Overview: There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer to help us at our events and meetings. We will send around sign-up sheets. We still need volunteers for Board of Ed Rep., Teacher Appreciation and Scholarship.

Dad's Club: We need volunteers to help cook. Dads are welcome to cook. Please remember to send in your membership. We meet the third Wednesday of the month and new faces are always welcome. Next meeting is tomorrow night. We are selling the mini calendars for \$3.00.

Moms & Dads for Music: We had our first meeting last Tuesday. This is the first year we have representatives from the elementary schools. We are getting a lot more participation from the elementary schools. Our next meeting is October 20th.

Upcoming Dates: Nassau PTA Fall Conference is going to be at Massapequa High School on October 14th. New York State PTA Annual Convention is in Saratoga Springs, November 13-15. Nassau Region PTA Resolutions Workshop in Garden City Boces September 24th.

Old Business: U.S. Open: Thank you to volunteers. We raised \$4,200.00. Thank you to Mr. Spence, Mr. Franchi, Mr. Healy for volunteering.

New Business: Safe Halloween. This will be held October 30th between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. We are inviting all elementary schools to come in and Trick or Treat. We have asked all units to donate \$250.00 towards this. King Kullen has donated \$75.00 and Bethpage Federal Credit Union has donated \$500.00. Classrooms will be decorated. The courtyard will be a maze. If anyone has any decorations to donate that would be great. Tickets will be sold prior to the event for \$4.00. Price at the door will be discussed. Children under three are free. Parents are free.

Pre-Prom Party: We are going to look at a Pre-Prom Party. Please think about this and let us know your thoughts. We would like your input. The more the merrier!

Powder Puff Game: October 1st, Thursday Night 7:00 p.m.

Pep Rally: Friday night October 2nd 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Marisa L. Rosentel
Recording Secretary