

# CBS PTA GENERAL MEETING



Quorum/Present

A meeting of the Central Blvd. PTA was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 9:30am in the All Purpose Room. Co-Presidents Theresa Mayr and Lena Ritchie called the meeting to order at 9:40am. The minutes of the June meeting were submitted and approved.

The Treasurer's Report: *Submitted for Audit*

CORRESPONDENCE - Thank you cards were received from three former CBS students, Shannon Rush, Nicole Stadnicky, and Dana Jackson, to express their appreciation for being chosen as scholarship recipients. A card was also received from Mr. Jack Fleming to thank the PTA for his retirement gift.

TEACHER REPORT - Mrs. Cataldi thanked the PTA on behalf of teachers and staff for the Welcome Back breakfast. She discussed school supplies and how teachers do not want to have a standard school supply list. They want to have the ability to request supplies based on their individual teaching styles. A volunteer coordinator is needed to oversee the Parent Volunteer Program. Please contact Mrs. Cataldi if you are interested.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mr. Furrey extended his best wishes for a successful year to the PTA and our new co-presidents. He also expressed his appreciation to the PTA and to Honorary Life chairs Carmela Ambrosio and Geri Whelan for honoring him with the Honorary Life Award. The Meet the Teacher night was held on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. There are two important changes to the school calendar. The Open School day originally scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> will be postponed until the end of October or early November. The Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and not Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> as noted on the school calendar. A letter will be sent home to notify parents of these changes. Mr. Furrey is aware that instrumental music rentals have become a problem this year. Practice Logs will be implemented for instrumental music to encourage students to practice at home. Instrumental music lesson times will vary each week so that students do not regularly miss the same activity in class. Eileen Vota, our new Assistant Principal, was introduced to the PTA.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOLDERS - Folders were distributed. A PTA magazine was enclosed.

BIRTHDAY BOARD- September birthdays are up. Thank you.

CLASS PARENT REPS- A motion was submitted and approved to raise the class contribution per student to \$10.00.

COUNCIL REPS- Carmela Ambrosio and Chris Saitta have volunteered to be the new reps.

DRUG AWARENESS- Drug Awareness/Red Ribbon Week is October 24-31.

EMERGENCY CONTACT - The district now has an automatic messaging system that contacts emergency contact numbers on file.

FUNDRAISING - Miss Chocolate fundraiser has been distributed and is due back September 19<sup>th</sup>. Family Fun Magazine Subscription offer was in the back to school folders. A Kids Art fundraiser will follow.

GRANDPARENT/SENIOR FRIENDS DAY- Will take place Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

HALLOWEEN - The committee will meet shortly. They are considering having the Halloween party the Friday before Halloween. The K-2 parade is scheduled for 10/31.

HONORARY LIFE – Mr. Furrey is this year’s recipient. Thank you to the committee for a job well done.

MEMBERSHIP- Letter was enclosed in the back to school folder and there was a table set up at back to school night. Response has been good so far – 207 had been received prior to back to school night. Each child whose parents join the PTA will receive a free pretzel for the Nov. sale only.

MOMS AND DADS FOR MUSIC- A representative is needed to attend monthly meetings.

PICTURE DAY – Is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> with Irvin Simon Photographers.

PRETZEL SALE – The first sale of the year is planned for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was distributed at the meeting. A motion was submitted and approved to increase the price per pretzel to 50 cents.

SITE BASED –Left off last year completing the Parent Beliefs. A quilt needs to be created.

YEARBOOK- First committee meeting is scheduled for next week.

5th GRADE CLASS DAY - Committee had first meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>, currently working on the t-shirts.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The PTA treated the staff with a “Welcome Back”card, a 2007-2008 pocket calendar, and fruit platters and assorted danish on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the volunteers who escorted the kindergartners & 1st graders to their classes on the first day of school.

Thank you to those who attended Meet the Teacher Night. Hopefully, it was informative for all. Congratulations to Mr. Furrey for being this year’s recipient of the PTA Honorary Life Award.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

PTA volunteers are no longer needed for hall security. Thank you to all that had volunteered.

Volunteers are needed for Hospitality(am meetings),to coordinate the Blood Drive, and to assist the JFK PTA (2-3 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents) with their Back to School night scheduled for 9/20.

The New Parent Orientation is scheduled September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. New students are encouraged to attend, Student Council members will be doing a craft with them. There will be an open forum for questions, a committee overview, and refreshments served. Committee chairs are encouraged to come and share their experiences.

The 2007-2008 Reflections theme is “I can make a difference by...”

PARP Conference -10/10 Melville Marriot – early registration by 10/1.

American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk – Jones Beach 10/21

Next PTA meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Collins  
Recording Secretary

