

Minutes of the OAS PTA General Membership Meeting March 6, 2013

Call to Order:

Jodi Klimko and Kerry Rokicki, OAS PTA Co-Presidents, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. / Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 16, 2013 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Order of Business:

1. Presentation by Amy Herman of the Girl's Leadership Institute (GLI)

The two GLI programs offered in January at OAS were very successful. The four-week course for girls and their parent focuses on helping girls “be their authentic selves, speak up, be honest and understand true friendship.” There is a focus on social and emotional intelligence. There was a suggestion to have an informational night to introduce parents to the concepts and program and discussion about having the program return to OAS in the future.

2. President's Report: Jodi Klimko

- There are two to four positions open on the Executive Board for the 2013-2014 School Year. (President or Co- Presidents and two Vice Presidents of Committees).
- A tentative schedule of events for next year was circulated and collected.
- The new OAS PTA web site was launched on 3/4/13. Thanks to Cheryl Beach and Trish Ryan for all their efforts. There will now be the Sunday blast and the web site and no OrangeGram. Thanks to Merry Ragno and Carolyn Smaka for their work on the newsletter.
- A Field Day chair is needed.
- Update on the Library Project: The planned renovation of the library would take 10 – 12 years of targeted fundraising to reach the estimated budget of \$75,000. We are now moving to a “do what we can now” approach. Many meetings have been held and work will be done over spring break to make it more functional for all students (elem and middle). There will be a Saturday Open House in the spring. A grant application is still pending.
- The 5th Grade Talent Show has been revised to be a school-wide event and will be held on May 3. It will include Faculty Follies and Sixth Grade Lip Sync.

3. Treasurer's Report: Kristin Santos

A report highlighting significant expenditures and income was provided.

2012-2013-Beginning Bank Balance \$15,102.34
Current Bank Balance as of (3/6/13) \$16,283.59
Outstanding checks \$1,290.65

Total Balance: \$14,992.94

Financials:

- The membership approved adding a line item for the Roller Skating event. (motion: Meghan Walsh, second: Marazza Kruk, motion carries)
- The membership voted to donate \$100 to Shining Stars, a district-wide talent show for special needs students, planned for 5/3/13. (motion: Rosemarie Berard, second: Susan Flynn, motion carries)
- The membership voted to reallocate the \$1,000 previously set aside for the OAS Auditorium Project to the Library Project.* (motion: Susan Flynn, second Marazza Kruk, motion carries) *During the summer 2012 the Cranford Board of Education funded significant improvements to lighting and sound in the auditorium. As of this time, there are no additional plans to renovate the space.

Mini Grants – Eight mini-grants have been approved totaling \$2,767.65. There is \$2,932.35 remaining in that line item.

Cash for Class – Twelve Cash for Class grants have been submitted and approved to date totaling \$708.46. There is \$791.54 remaining in that line item.

Recent Revenue of Note:

Holiday Boutique: The 2012 Holiday Boutique organizers expended \$3,068.49 on goods for the December sale. Revenue Collected to date is \$4,796.27. OAS PTA profit is \$1,727.78 (over budget estimate by \$227.78).

OAS Book Sale: The book sale deposited \$7,575.97 in December. A payment to Scholastic was made for \$5,396.18. Two refunds for \$13.99 were paid as books were not available. The profit for this is \$2,151.81.

School Pictures: A payment of \$5,670.75 was made by Cassiday Studios to Orange Avenue School PTA as 2012 Commission.

Iron Chef: A deposit was collected for \$1,845 from ticket sales. Expenses totaled \$890.24 from pizza and other items. The total profit from the event is 954.76.

Bake Sale: The Valentines Bakes sale made a \$290 profit.

Recent Expenditures of Note:

7th/8th Pool Party: The OAS PTA reserved the pool for the 7th/8th grade pool party (Check #4779 / \$625).

3rd/4rd/5th Game Night: The OAS PTA has expended \$269.08 for Game Night prizes.

Roller Skate Event: The OAS PTA reserved the Woodbridge Roller rink with a \$150 deposit.

Other Programs: In October, OAS Walk to School Project expended \$20.97 for Cheerios. In September the OAS PTA sponsored the 6th grade Luncheon & Orientation (\$470.20) and a Back-to-School breakfast for the teachers and staff (\$200). In August the OAS PTA sponsored a thank you lunch for the custodial staff (\$70.30).

Donations: A donation was made to the CHS Project Graduation \$100 (check #4729).

3. Membership: Kristin Santos

There are 781 PTA members to date (goal is 800). OAS PTA received a membership award.

4. Committee Updates: Teresa Wilson/Rosemarie Berard

- Elementary Game Night will be 3/8/13.
- Art Night will be held on 3/13/13. There will be three projects: large flowers made with bottle caps, painted stones and a 50th Anniversary Sign. Reflections participants will also be recognized. Is is possible conflict with BPS Cultural Night.
- Sixth Grade Comedy Night will be 3/15/13.
- Roller Skating Event will be 3/21/13.
- OAS / BAS Movie Day will be 3/22/13.
- Discount Park Tickets deadline is 3/22/13.
- Sixth Grade Social will be 4/12/13.
- 7th Grade Social will be 4/19/13. (Chair needs help)
- Fundraiser with Bohemian Raspberry will be held 3/13 – 3/30/13. OAS to receive 10 percent of full purchase price.
- OAS Band Night will be 4/5/13. Need more tickets for sports tickets for basket raffles. Mrs. Vella will look into possible contact. Attendees can reserve tables of 10. Tickets go on sale 3/11/13.
- OAS / BAS 5K moved to 4/21/13. Need to promote.

5. Correspondence: Meghan Walsh

A platter of breakfast treats was given to the custodians

Thank you's received from Mrs. McLoughlin (baby book) and Mrs. Brown (Cash for Class to repair broken printing press).

6. Principals Report: Mrs. Vella

Mrs. Clay and Mr. Schwartz will be retiring this year.

Michael Seaman was named the OAS and the District Teacher of the Year. He will now advance to the county level.

The OAS Read-A-Thon has kicked off and will be held 3/8 – 3/21. Funds raised will go toward classroom libraries and 10 percent will be donated to “The CANswer Project.”

OAS Students have collected more than 2,000 cans of food through the Students Change Hunger Campaign

The Municipal Alliance program held at OAS had about 30 attendees and was successful
The 8th Grade heard a student presenter from Chatham High School on Tourettes Syndrome

The Spring Musical “Wanda’s World” was a success

OAS students have seen assemblies by Living Voices (8th grade only) author DyAnne DiSalvo (elementary only) and Dr. Mykee Fowlin (entire school). There was discussion about bringing Dr. Fowlin back for a parent event.

Fifth grade DARE graduation was held. There was discussion about how to involve parents more in that program.

Pizza Night was a successful fundraiser.

The OAS Blood Drive had 46 presenting donors and contributions will help 111 people

7. Board of Education Report: Mary Catherine Sudiak

- A preliminary 2013-2014 District budget was reviewed.
 - The budget is providing for two additional staffing positions - one full time Child Study Team member and the second is a part-time Pathways to Excellence teacher
 - The budget includes provisions for maintenance projects: updating a science classroom at CHS, which has been an ongoing effort; refurbishing the upper gym at the high school and the gyms at OAS and HAS; electronic access for staff via the main door at all schools for staff and for additional doors at CHS; various minor projects such as paving and replacing ceiling tiles.
 - The budget increase of \$93.72 is the lowest increase since 1999
- The CHS lower gym floor will be refurbished over the summer.
- The Municipal Alliance will be promoting a town-wide “Family Dinner Night” in April.
- Dr. Carrick has been reviewing resumes for candidates to fill the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, due to Dr. Macaluso's upcoming retirement.
- The CHS Fashion Show will be held on 3/15/13.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.