**Minutes of the OAS PTA General Membership Meeting**

**June 5, 2013**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. / Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of Minutes

*The minutes from the March 6, 2013 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved. Kerry Rokicki, 1st motion. Kristin Santos, 2nd motion.*

*New officers sworn in: two Vice Presidents: (Colleen DiDomenico and Dawn Acocella) Recording Secretary (Iris Love)*

***Guest Speaker: Mandy Zucker, program director of Imagine: A Center for Coping with Loss:*** *Peer support for children dealing with loss. Facilitators are volunteers. Every other week program. Church is in Westfield (dealing with issues such as loss, grief, mourning.) Group kids from 3-18 & older groups. Facilitators must commit to one year after a four day intense training. The program is privately funded with a single fundraising event annually. There are youth facilitators as well. Currently 127 kids. Referrals are accepted.*

**Order of Business:**

1. **President’s Report: Jodi Klimko**

* Draft calendar review
* Jodi acknowledged Teresa Wilson for all her work on the library renovation.
* Municipal Alliance Poster Contest Winners: Robert Shapiro, Brianna Merck and Paulina Onisko. They will receive a gift certificate to a restaurant and a donation to Cranford Family Care in their name.

1. **Treasurer’s Report: Kristin Santos**

A report highlighting significant expenditures and income was provided in addition to a complete line-item budget.

2012-2013-Beginning Bank Balance $15,102.34

Current Bank Balance as of (10/16) $22,397.91

Outstanding checks $2,089.42

**Total Bank Balance: $20,308.49**

**Balance after estimated expenditures approved (awaiting receipts) $15,144.38**

**Membership:** 783 members to date as of April 10, 2013.

OAS PTA share is $3,132.

**Yogurt Fundraiser:** The total donation was $300.00 from the spring fundraiser.

**Assembly Programs:** The OAS PTA will fund assembl(ies) by Ms. Jill Brown in the 2013-2014 school year. The PTA will supplement this expense with underwriting from a private funder connected to Ms. Brown. The topic will be online responsibility and cyber bullying. Motion approved (Teresa Wilson, Eileen Michie.) This year the OAS PTA has expended $6,748.10 for assembly programs.

**8th Grade Semi-Formal:** Membership voted to create a line item of $500.00 for the Grade 8 Semi- Formal. Motions approved

**Mini- Grants (3) and Cash for Class Applications.**

(To apply for Mini Grants-need to be a PTA member.)

**New Business:**

* Year end spending. (Approx. $7,000 to spend)

Proposals: 5 café tables- $1449.00 per table. (Hoping to get closer to $1,200) Refrigerator/Freezer for PTA use- $1,500. Library table to complete renovation $669.00. (If there is money left over, an extra table can be bought for the cafeteria. Teresa will follow up.)

* Girls Leadership Institute will come to OAS to give parents tips and tools to talk to their daughters (9-30-13.) OAS will make a donation via the assemblies line item. BAS verbal agreement for financial donation, per Jodi. Discussion of Sgt. Rich, speaker who has presented to students in the past about being responsible and using technology.

3. **Committee Updates: Teresa Wilson**

50 active committees. 5th Grade Talent Show- not to have parent involvement. Teresa recommends creating a Library Committee to maintain and volunteer for lunchtime hours. Amy Icklan did a great job with Game Night. Alisha Hooey may “retire” as art night chair. 6th Grade Comedy Night was successful as was Band Night. Staff Appreciation Luncheon was a success. Elementary Field Day is scheduled for June 6. Moving up ceremony scheduled for the June 17. Second grade orientation is next week, June 12th.

4. **Correspondence: Meghan Walsh**

Many thank you’s received for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Per Mrs. Vella, Mrs. Clay and Mr. Schwartz are retiring.

5. **Principals Report: Mrs. Vella**

Mrs. Vella reports for the 6th grade orientation- trying new things, Peer students did a great job. Concert season was a hit. Mike Seamen, Cranford Teacher of the Year & Union County too. Mrs. Vella reports Boston Trip was a great success & students were respectful. Class night –planning underway. Placements 90% ready. Elementary: 50%. Fifth Grade Moving Up-under way. New positions available. Posting for Mrs. Colosimo’s position. Seventh grade trip to New York went well. NJ ASK went well. BOE Represenative Mary Sudiak announced new Assistant Superintendant.

**Executive Business:** Recognition of outgoing members /installation of new board. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.