



## Unqua PTA

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### MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING September 24, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:41PM. President Cindy Sleszynski thanked everyone for coming to this evening's meeting and welcomed everyone back for a new year.

**MINUTES**-Christine Hillaris passed out the minutes from the June 12, 2007 Executive Board meeting. All members were asked to review these minutes for any corrections. No questions or corrections were noted. The minutes will stand as written and will be filed with the Recording Secretary.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-Graceanne Cecora has given out copies of the 2007-2008 Budget Report. All members were asked to review the report. No questions or corrections were noted. The report will stand as written and filed for audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE**-Maria Saville read a thank you letter from Mrs. Meininger expressing her gratitude to the Unqua PTA for all their efforts. Numerous thank you's were also received from the Sixth Grade teachers for the Moving Up Ceremony, last year's Fourth Graders for the "Journey's" Field Trip, Mrs. Rotheim for the Honorary Life Award, Lisa Mener for the Godfrey Bellavigna Scholarship and Unqua Teachers for the Teachers Luncheon. Cindy asked committee chairs to send thank you's for any donations made by the community.

**TEACHERS REPORT**-Mrs. Rotheim and Mrs. Scanio, on behalf of all the teachers, thanked the PTA for a great Teachers Luncheon.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**-Mrs. Haanraadts welcomed everyone back and gave a special introduction for our new Vice Principal, Mrs. Catapano. Mrs. Catapano appreciated the warm welcome she has received and looks forward to a great year ahead. She also noted that the Back-to-School BBQ was a huge success and was a nice way to kick off the school year.

**MEMBERSHIP**-Denise Weiss reported that PTA membership is currently at 548 and at 20% teacher membership. Denise reminded everyone that you need to be a paid member of the PTA to chair a committee.

**PROGRAMS**-Tricia Bastian reminded Class Parents to collect the "Emergency Contact Information Sheets" from all parents and return to her as soon as possible. Our first General PTA Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 23, 2007. Detective John McGee will give a presentation on internet safety. Allison Prystupa spoke briefly about the wealth of information available at an internet safety presentation she attended during "Summer Experience".

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Cindy alerted members about "Google"-ing phone number to access name and address (reverse directory)

- Council Chairman's Roundtable will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007 at Ames at 9:30AM.
- Berner Cafeteria is Point of Distribution center in the event of an emergency.
- Keyboarding will be taught to Sixth Graders. Mrs. Haanraadts added it will be taught by a Business Education teacher for 10-12 weeks during library session. Study skills will also be addressed.
- Fifth and Sixth Grade Committee is in the works. This is a school committee for fundraising.
- Habitat is beautiful! Special thanks to Abbey, Mary and Mary Ellen Grimes.
- Lee Place has no crossing guard assigned due to minimal use. The District responded by posting a staff member. Currently, the Town of Oyster Bay has placed a Public Safety officer to cover the post.
- Custodial staff short-handed by two. Mrs. Haanraadts added that it would be very helpful if PTA could assist with set-up and clean up. Also, when filling out Building Use forms, write all details for set-up.
- Cindy thanked the following committees: BBQ, Moving Up, Outdoor Sign, Habitat, Teachers' Luncheon, Pre-School/Kindergarten, Rocky's Den, School Kidz Program, Lobby Decorating, Ways and Means, Tricia Bastian for Class Parent/Welcome Tea, and Newsletter.
- A volunteer is needed for Website position. Training will be given by Gloria Kraemer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A discussion occurred regarding the \$1.00 year end gift and whether or not it should continue. A vote was taken and effective beginning the 2007-2008 school year no end of year gift will be purchased.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion** by Graceanne Cecora for a vote of confidence not to exceed \$250.00 per instance. **Motion carried.**

Volunteers are needed for the Audit Committee. Thank you to Susan DelPesce and Denise Gianotti for volunteering.

**Election of Nominating Committee:** Three people need to be chosen from the Executive Board. Deanna Popeck, Stephanie Genova, Joan Mescall, Donna Garvey, and Sandi Ferrugia are nominated. Deanna Popeck, Joan Mescall and Donna Garvey are chosen by ballot. Two more people need to be chosen from the next General Meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Arts in Education**-MaryBeth Vetter—Lyle Cogan will address the topic of bullying with a performance in October. Mr. Dennis Kobray will portray Beethoven for the Fifth and Sixth Graders in December. Josephine Nobissa will share her writing expertise with the Third Graders. An American Indian program will be presented to the Fourth Graders. First and Second Graders will see "Constant Wonder", a performance which will inspire them to wonder about the world. All Gym classes will take part in a week-long Physical Education program.

**Back to School BBQ**-Michele Koetzner—BBQ was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007. 750 tickets were sold. A recommendation was made for next year: Ask families to bring their own beverages rather than solicit for donations of ice and soda.

**Blood Drive**-Eileen Ader—Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 from 3:45PM to 9:15PM.

**Book Fair**-Kerry Dreyer—This year's theme is "Reading Road Trip, Visit Book Fair USA" which is scheduled for Monday, February 4 and Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

**Box Tops**-Maria Galarza—Box Top collections begin on Friday, September 28, 2007. Cindy mentioned that there is always room for an extra few hands if anyone wanted to help with trimming Box Tops.

**Enrichment**-Eileen Colletti—**Motion** by Eileen Colletti to hold Spaghetti Night on October 17, 2007; two seatings: 5PM – 6PM and 6:30PM – 7:30PM. Raffle and drinks donated by families. **Motion carried.** **Motion** by Eileen Colletti for Spaghetti Night, employ Nancy from kitchen for evening from 4:00PM – 9:00PM for \$125.00. **Motion carried.** **Motion** by Eileen Colletti to secure a deposit for Gino's Restaurant of \$250.00 for Spaghetti Night. **Motion carried.** Cindy acknowledged Carol Moore's concern for daughter's food allergies and agreed to look into possible alternatives. **Motion** by Eileen Colletti to approve \$400.00 to purchase playground stencil paint set to be painted by Girl Scouts. **Motion carried.** The Brick Program will remain open.

**Entertainment Books**-Loraine Pfeffer-Entertainment Books will be distributed Tuesday, October 9, 2007. Books cost \$20.00. Payments and unsold books due back Friday, October 19, 2007.

**Environmental**-Read by Maria Saville-Toner/ink cartridge recycling program to be brought to Unqua. We will earn \$3.00 for each eligible cartridge collected.

**Family Life**-Deanna Popeck-**Motion** by Graceanne Cecora to amend the budget to increase Family Life budget to \$750.00. **Motion carried.** **Motion** by Deanna Popeck to hold Halloween Party on Friday, October 26, 2007 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM; admission is \$3.00 per student or adult plus one bag of candy per family at the door. **Motion carried.** Cindy asked Deanna Popeck to talk about other upcoming events.

**Rocky's Den**-Carol Moore-Rocky's Den was open the first three days of school and will be open most Friday's.

**Habitat**-Mary McConnell-Many updates have been made to the habitat. The sprinkler system will be installed soon. **Motion** by Mary McConnell to purchase sprinkler system for habitat not to exceed \$3,800.00. **Motion carried.**

**Health, Wellness and Safety**-Audra Lee-Red Ribbon Week begins Monday, October 22, 2007. We will also man a Red Ribbon Week game at the Halloween Party. The Great American Smokeout is Thursday, November 15, 2007. Audra extended an invitation to attend the next COPE meeting at Yes Community Counseling Center. Christine Hillaris briefly explained what COPE is about.

**Holiday Fair**-Peggy Deegan-Holiday Fair will be held Tuesday, November 29 through Friday, November 30, 2007. Volunteers are needed to set up, assist at the fair, and break down. Thanks to Crissie Scibillia and Donna Scoca for ordering, organizing and making crafts.

**Legislation**-Allison Prystupa-NYS PTA Convention will be held November 16 through November 18, 2007 in Albany. Cindy extended an invitation to all present to see her if interested in accompanying Allison at the Convention. Resolutions will be explained and voted on at the October General Meeting so that Unqua's vote can be carried to Convention.

**Lobby Decoration**-Debbie Fick-Lobby was decorated in time for Back-to-School Night. We are looking for donations to be displayed in the lobby showcase.

**Newsletter**-Read by Denise Weiss-Continue to send reports on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's Update or Newsletter. We are looking for someone to take over Website responsibilities next year.

**Parp-Read** by Tricia Bastian-Parp's "Reading Road Trip" will begin January 30 and end February 13, 2008.

**Pre-School/Kindergarten-Read** by Tricia Bastian -Committee members assisted the First Graders in the cafeteria during the first three days of school.

**Reflections**-Marie Callahan-Reflections theme for this year is "I Can Make a Difference by...". Rules will be available at the District website. All entries will be collected in the Unqua PTA room on Friday, December 7, 2007 from 3:30PM – 4:30PM.

**Septa-Dan Batik**-“Evening of Giving” event to be held at Simon Malls (Roosevelt Field and Walt Whitman). Passes are \$10.00 each. The annual Joe Corbi Pizza and Cookie Dough fund raiser will begin in late October. Membership Drive is in progress.

**School Photographs**-Read by Denise Weiss-Photo days are Monday, September 24 and September 25, 2007. The new photography company, Interstate, is completely digital.

**School Kidz Supply Kits**-Graceanne Cecora-The Supply Kits were delivered before school ended in June. The kit distribution went smoothly. We will be offering this program again next year.

**Teachers' Luncheon**-Read by Tricia Bastian-The Teachers' Luncheon was held September 4, 2007 in the cafeteria. Country Catering prepared a variety of wraps and Unqua families donated cold salads, drinks and desserts.

**Ways and Means**- Vikki Signorelli-The Apparel fundraiser is currently in progress. The due date for orders has been extended until Friday, October 5, 2007. Delivery is expected in early November. **Motion** by Vikki Signorelli to change the pricing for the Apparel fundraiser as follows: Massapequa Hooded Sweatshirt from \$25.00 to \$28.00; Massapequa and Unqua Windbreakers from \$39.00 to \$45.00; Massapequa Sweatpants from \$24.00 to \$25.00; Unqua T-Shirts from \$10.00 to \$9.00; Unqua Long-sleeve T-Shirts from \$14.00 to \$13.00; Unqua Hooded Sweatshirt from \$25.00 to \$27.00; Unqua Sweatpants from \$24.00 to \$19.00. **Motion carried.** Vicki pointed out that the children's T-Shirt and Sweatshirt sizes run small.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21PM.

Christine Hillaris  
Unqua PTA Recording Secretary