

OCEANSIDE SEPTA

Minutes – September 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Executive Committee was introduced.

The proposed budget for the 2013/2014 school year was reviewed. The rollover into next year is expected to be \$5,500. Motion to approve by Sandie Schoell & seconded by Lynn Woods. Approval voted unanimously by General Membership.

Working on new fundraising ideas which will allow us more affordability for speakers and workshops. We should have more definitive direction by the next meeting.

Membership dues were increased to \$11 this year after the change and approval of our By-Laws. Please see Mary Messler for the forms to join. If you wish to be on the email list, please go through our website as it will explain to you about email filters for your emails. Some people had a concern about not getting emails and this is due to your email servers filters. Again please sign up through our website – septaoceanside.com

At the DAWC meeting we were made aware of a monetary grant Nassau County will be giving to school districts in regard to Healthy Choices. With that money we would utilize it to purchase banners, stickers for pizza boxes, etc... to make everyone aware of smart/healthy choices. On 3/29/14, our community will have an interactive health fair. We would like each PTA to have a table with some kind of interactive presentation. SEPTA should consider using our puppets and script for this event. It will be discussed further.

Our Information Brochure and Newsletter will be done by Elisa Berman. If anyone has an interest in helping with either of these items, please see Vicky.

This year's resolutions can be found on our website via a link. Our Council legislation meeting to vote on the resolutions will be 10/29. We need a quorum of at least 10 paid members to have our votes count as a unit. A sign-up sheet is being passed around. Keep in mind that the crux of PTA has always been advocacy. This is when it counts toward what we want addressed by our politicians and lobbying. Convention will be taking place in November. Sandie Schoell motioned for a Vote of Confidence to send someone to Convention and was seconded by Jodi Katz; approved unanimously by General Membership.

The first PASS workshop will be in October; schedules will be going home shortly from the school district.

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The Scholarship Fund grants monetary awards to graduating seniors in our community who are pursuing their education after high school which includes colleges, trade schools and technological schools. The awards are given to need-based students. Our only fundraiser, the Phone-a-Thon, is the last week in October from the 28th to the 30th. Our own High School students will be making those phone calls and seeking pledges from district residents. We ask that you please be patient with them and don't be rude.

Please check our website, septaoceanside.com. You will find a wealth of information, sign up for emails, etc.

Dr. DeRosa was happy with the turn out for our first meeting. One of her goals is to increase our membership and she is very much looking forward to a great year! Dr. DeRosa also introduced Dr. Harrington, our new Superintendent.

Our Staff Appreciation will be held on January 22, 2014. We are in need of a committee to spearhead this wonderful event to recognize people who have positively impacted our SEPTA community. We need people to help with Set-Up & Clean-Up, Decorations, Coordinate Desserts, Water, Flyers. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Parents are being encouraged to consider being on this committee; this event is given by all of us, SEPTA and parents together.

The Nominating Committee is being formed now for next year's officers. Allison Fenster will sit as a member from General Membership and Mary Messler will sit as a member from the Executive Board. We still need one more person from the board.

PTA Awards are given at our Staff Appreciation event. If there is someone you would like considered to receive an award it must be in writing as to why you feel they are deserving and submitted by November 27th. It should be someone who has not just helped your child, but helped all children in our SEPTA community, as well. They must be submitted to Elizabeth & I for review no later than November 27th which is the day before Thanksgiving. The best way is by email as an attachment through the website or you can send it to SEPTA 145 Merle Ave Oceanside.

We need a temporary committee this year to set up Scholarship Guidelines to determine a an award recipient(s) from the SEPTA graduating students community.

SEPTA's Mission – We have a mission for this year. Since we are trying to regroup as a PTA, we have a concern about getting parents involved. We can only be as successful as our membership. 2 of us on the Executive Committee will be graduating HS this year & there are others who will be leaving over the next couple of years. We need parents from our SEPTA community to become a little active and involved in SEPTA. We'd like SEPTA to

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continue as its own unit and not become another committee. Stay involved in your child's education – Stay involved in the O'side Community's "goings on" – Stay involved in advocacy for your child and others through legislation. You all need each other to continue to move forward. So please, PLEASE, come speak with us and see how you can help & be involved! We all need each other to move forward. SEPTA needs its own PTA unit and not just become another committee. We also need someone to do hospitality for the year.

Important Dates:

September 17	Board of Education, #7 auditorium, 7:30 pm
September 23	#9M Back to School
September 24	Elementary Back to School
September 26	Council Meeting, HS Library, 8 pm
September 30	Pre-K and #7 Back to School
October 1	Kindergarten Back to School
October 3	Kiwanis Dinner
October 10	SEPTA Meeting, #3, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes submitted by Shira Schuberg