

**Tammy McNamara, President**  
**Vacant, Vice-President**  
**Lindsey Lipari, Treasurer**  
**Jessicak Klami, Secretary**



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## Menands PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

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*Date | time* June 9,2021, 6:34 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Tammy McNamara

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### In Attendance

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Attendees Board: Tammy McNamara, Jessica Klami, Linsey Lipari

Attendees: Jeff Masline, Bill Nevins, Maureen Long, Heather Aragona, Tammy McNamara, Christy Johnston, Vanessa Lee Mercado, Dara Blanchett, Carrie Polaski, Barry King, Steve Boulet?, Jose Calderon

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### Approval of Minutes

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Jessica let everyone know the meeting minutes were posted to the PTA website from the April 27, 2021 meeting. The minutes were shared on the screen for participants to view by Jessica. Motion made by Jessica to adopt minutes Christy seconded, all in attendance voted in favor.

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### Membership Report

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PTA is 97 members strong.

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### Budget

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Lindsey Lipari presented the monthly reports which she presented on the screen and copies were also posted to PTA website.

April Treasurer report:

- Stewart's donation of \$500
- Read-a-thon \$150
- 5K - \$500
- Helped raise money for the 8<sup>th</sup> grad camp trip
- Reviewed expenses – paint night expenses
- Reviewed outgoing checks for the month per report

May Treasurer Report:

- \$20 apparel
- Photographer \$475
- Amazon smiles
- Reviewed outgoing checks for the month per report
- Remaining BBQ money also came in
- \$100 for Staff Appreciation

Lindsey reviewed the 2021-2022 budget in detail. Lindsey presented the Budget on the screen for all members on the call to see, budget was also posted to PTA website. Budget is approximately \$10,000. Lindsey reviewed the income and expenses and explained the line items for each category.

Lindsey then called for a vote on the voting budget copy. Christy Johnston first and Bill Nevins Second, all in favor

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## Principal's Report

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- Evening of the Arts was held virtually in May. Ms. Cannavo thanks Ms. Hayes and Ms. Testo for all their hard work. She also thanks Dr. Long for the School Board's continued support of the Arts.
- Budget Vote in May – Approved!
- Kids are participating in the A to Z countdown days
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be in person on June 24 at the Farmers Market
- Kindergarten moving up ceremony will be virtual on June 22
- Field Day is this Friday (6/11) - only students can attend but the Teachers have worked hard to make great events for the kids
- Yearbook – will be coming home before end of school year

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## New Business

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- Discussed ideas for events and fundraisers
  - 2 Family Fun Nights
  - 2 Middle School Fun Nights
    - Vanessa volunteers to Chair one of the nights
  - Typical Fundraisers (mum sale, dine-outs, apparel sales)
  - Flower Sale
  - Catalog Sale
- Opportunities to volunteer to chair 2021-2022 events and fundraisers

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## Events

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### Past Events

- Earth Day Bingo- Chairperson: Lindsey Lipari
  - 60 submissions sent in! and sent SEED cards to students and teachers who participated
- Multicultural Celebration, April 26 - April 30 2021- Chairperson: Vanessa Lee Mercado
  - 15 submissions. Each student got \$12 for the bookfair
  - Also discussed skipping the multicultural next year – but might do it in person if we can decide by October
- Visiting Author - Update from Mrs. Cannavo
  - Ty Allen Jackson – presented in smaller groups – all virtual children were able to join
  - Read “eye I close my eyes” and talked about how he became an author
  - Reading teachers did an amazing job! Children loved it.
- Photography fundraiser – Jessica Klami
  - Jessica presented that we made \$472
- Virtual 5K – Tammy McNamara
  - Made \$500
- Children's Used Book Sale – Tammy McNamara
  - Held on 6/5 \$125 in books sales \$70 in donations

## Upcoming/Current Events

- Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Truck – Dara Blanchette
  - Coming on June 22 from 12:30-2:30
- Graduation Decorations set – Chair? up to June 24, 2021 at noon/1:00
  - Christy will Chair – Vanessa will help – will work with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chair
  - Christy has been coordinating the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation gift – they get shirts with signatures and logo
- Stewart’s Ice Cream Social – Date TBD (August) Chair?
  - Courtney agreed to be a co-chair – still need another co-chair
  - Dr. Long suggested coordinating the ice cream social with the ribbon cutting of the new addition
- Kindergarten Meet and Greet for 2021-2022 – Chair? Date 8/26/2021
  - Ms. Cannavo discussed the Kindergarten Warm-up Week
    - Bill volunteered to help with Kindergarten Week and Meet-n-Greet

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## Fundraisers

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### Upcoming Fundraisers

- Annual Mum Sale – Tentatively September 13-24
  - Christy will chair and Dara said she could help out
- Ongoing: Amazon Smiles, Givebacks & fundraisers through Memberhub

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## Member Comments

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- Dara asked about pre-K. Dr. Long discussed the pre-K potential. School does not have space at school, looking for off-site agencies and potentially partnering with other school districts.
- Vanessa gave a heads up that the By-Law expire 2022
- Christy commended the PTA Board for keeping the year going
- Vanessa mentioned really liking the Paint Night and Middle School Trivia
- Dr. Long also commended the PTA for their hard work

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## Next Meetings

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Adjourn for Summer Break!

Motion to adjourn was made by Tammy McNamara at 7:34 Dara first, seconded by Lindsey all voted in favor.