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Menands School PTA General Membership Meeting - Minutes
September 23, 2020 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Madalyn Royal, Tammy McNamara, Lindsey Lipari, Susan Clemente, Bill Nevins, Jenn Cannavo, Heather Arragona, Lisa Munoz, Courtney Jaskula, Bill Nevins, Ms. Levin, Lizzy Decker, Jeff Masline, Christy Johnston, Dara Blanchette, Andi Lisa, Tariez Hassan, Kelly Lemyre, Ashley Jewett, Vanessa Mercado, Kerry Polaski Harris, Andi DeLancy, Muhammed Masiv, Shemeka Brown, Jacoba Vandenberg.

Motion to begin membership meeting: Tammy McNamara, 2nd by Courtney Jaskula.
Meeting was called to Order by President: Madalyn Royal

Introductions: New principal - Jennifer Cannavo - who is happy to be returning to Menands School during this unprecedented year. New PTA Board Members. Attendees introduced themselves with people recognizing their neighbors etc.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from June 2020 meeting. Motion to approve Tammy McNamara, 2nd Courtney Jaskula.

Principal Report: Jennifer Cannavo- Approximately 50% of the school remote learning for the first trimester (elementary), first semester (middle), 50% of the school in- person. We have a new position at school Ms. Mondini who connected with those that were unable to pick up materials this year. She is also an available resource. Parent night is September 24, which will be held virtually this year, teacher presentations will be available on the school website.

Membership report: 55 members strong, including 26 staff members.

Treasurer report: Review of budget and explanation of the amended budget due to the census grant. Motion to approve: Christy Johnston, 2nd: Courtney Jaskula.

Census Grant: Bill Nevins - Menands may be undercounted which affects Menands school, roads, and public services like the fire department and police. Menands School, PTA and Village applied for the census grant in the beginning of the year. Everything put on hold due to the pandemic. Hold was released and a letter, postcards sent to all residences in the village, and signs put up around the village. There are only 7 days left to complete the census.

Courtney Jaskula: Thank you to Bill. Census information can not be used against you and it helps allocate services.

Mum sales: Christy Johnston- A different approach had to be taken this year as we typically do some onsite sales. 240 mums were ordered, with 220 presold. The Village of Menands ordered 50 plants this year as they typically do. Net profit to PTA \$1,206. Thank you to Lindsey for adding the mum sale to PTA MemberHub which made for a more virtual sale. Since it was a smaller order

than typical they took their trailer to George's twice. Mayflower moving has been used in the past and will be available to be used again. Christy will be looking for someone to shadow her next year, as her youngest son will no longer be in Menands school.

George's: Christy Johnston - The possibility of doing a Holiday fundraiser was discussed for this year for wreaths, poinsettias etc.

Madalyn Royal: I know we are talking about a lot of fundraisers, PTA looks different this year, in the past we were able to have parties and events: Family Fun Night, Bingo Night etc. This year we will possibly be able to help with professional development for teachers.

Mrs. Cannavo: PTA is an incredible support to school. PTA helps with funding towards author nights, drama club etc.

Apparel sale: Courtney Jaskula - The sale was done online last year. So both the vendor and we are used to this. We may designate pick up day or days for remote students.

Ronald McDonald Read A Thon: Courtney Jaskula - You will see more about this in the coming months.

Virtual Pumpkin Run - Every October kids run different lengths based on grade level. Mrs. Bettinger and Mr. Ahl are glad the PTA is able to take this on because it can not be done safely during school hours as had been done in the past. Bill Nevins and Jeff Masline volunteered to chair this event. Jeff M. it can be a family event.

Catalog Fundraiser: Lindsey Lipari - The possibility of doing a catalog fundraiser: Boone Supply was discussed. The profits to PTA would be 40%. It was asked if a connection had been made with the vendor. Lindsey explained that she had gone through the process of setting up an account the fundraiser would be done completely online.

Dine - Out: In the past we had done Chipotle and IL Faro - We will open the floor to see what members are interested in. Dine-outs would also need to be hosted in a different way during this time.

Courtney - Can check with Il Faro. Had been their past contact person.

Lizzy Decker - Idea to do Tuscan Oven.

Kelly Lemur - Fort Orange Brewing, Bull and Basil.

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Kelly is interested in chairing a dine-out

Dr. Long was asked about food truck fundraisers and due to COVID protocols a fundraiser of this type may need to take place off of school property.

Motion to close the meeting: Tammy McNamara, 2nd Dara Blanchette