

**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* April 27, 2021, 6:32 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Tammy McNamara

Motion to begin meeting was made by Tammy McNamara seconded by Jessica Klami, all in favor.

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### In Attendance

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Attendees Board: Tammy McNamara, Jessica Klami, Linsey Lipari

Attendees: Bill Nevins, Maureen Long, Heather Aragona, Tammy McNamara, Kelly Lemyre, Samantha Jordan, Lizzy Decker, Erika Ries, Christy Johnston, Vanessa Lee Mercado, Susan Root, Dara Blanchett, Courtney Jaskula, Andi Delancy

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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 February 4, 2021 meeting. The minutes were shared on the screen for participants to view by Lindsey. Motion made by Tammy to adopt minutes Christy first and Lindsey seconded, all in attendance voted in favor.

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### Board

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Board was introduced and members announced themselves. Tammy McNamara announced she was replacing Madalyn Royal as President.

Madalyn gave a speech regarding her stepping down and expressed that she wills till be very present and here if needed.

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### Membership Report

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PTA is 97 members strong. All teachers and staff are members of the PTA this year. 6 grab bag prizes were given out to teachers as appreciation for membership.

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### Budget

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Lindsey Lipari provided the budget report and reviewed incoming and outgoing expenses for January, February and March 2021.

Lindsey presented the revised detailed budget, changes were highlighted in yellow for ease of review. Budgets detailed and voting were posted to the PTA website. The budget had to be updated reflect that many fundraising events could not be held do to Covid (e.g. dinner events, yard sale, field goods) and other expenses

did not occur (i.e. drama production and in-person workshops). Lindsey described the BBQ “fundraiser” for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The PTA is hosting the sales of the tickets on the PTA website, but this income must go directly to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. Explain that the drama funds will be used to support Drama club in other ways.

#### Budget Con't

Lindsey explained the voting budget is more generic to allow for money to be allocated within the categories without a revote.

Tammy made a motion to accept the revised/amended 20-21 budget, Jessica moved, Kelley seconded. All in favor.

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### Principal's Report

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Heather Aragona provided the report.

- Thanked the PTA for the recent event.
- NY State Exams 3-8 occurred this week, they were an abbreviated assessment and were provided to all students in-person and remote students.
- Annual Brooks BBQ will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, all orders must be made on-line before May 5<sup>th</sup>

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### New Business

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Elections: Slate of nominated officers for the Menands School PTA for a two (2) year term starting July 1, 2021.

- Vice-President: Jessica Klami
- Secretary: Samantha Jordan

Christy made a motion to begin elections, Madalyn seconded.

Courtney presented the nominating committee report. No nominations from the floor.

Christy made a motion to accept the slate of nominations Madalyn seconded. All in favor, 15 voted.

#### Planning for 2021-22

- Discuss ideas for events and fundraisers.
  - Jessica offered to chair a fundraising committee and organizing monthly fundraisers for next year.
- Opportunities to volunteer to chair 2021-22 events and fundraisers.
  - Christy willing to chair mum sale one last time and train new organizers.
  - Susan has a friend who sells pampered chef who would be willing to do a sale – virtual party.
  - Red Robin does an order out/pick up fundraiser.
  - Yard sale for next year – Courtney would like to see it come back, low cost and a good fundraiser from the community in general – Courtney offered to chair.
  - Non-fundraiser fundraiser
  - American Girl Doll

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### Upcoming Events

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#### Upcoming/Current Events

- Multicultural Celebration, April 26 - April 30 2021- Chairperson: Vanessa Lee Mercado
  - 15 submissions, being posted on school website, Facebook page.

- Wish more people participated but hard with covid and virtual submissions.
- All week kids are doing events in their classes.
- Visiting Author - Update from Mrs. Aragona
  - May 27, will be virtual – Ty Allen Jackson
- Teacher Appreciation - Chairperson: Dara Blanchette
  - Dara gave a run down of options that were provided to teachers
  - Ms. Aragona sent a link to staff to vote
    - Staff voted for Ice Cream Truck – Emack and Bolios
      - Need to figure out dates that work.
- Graduation Refreshments – Christy and Vanessa will Chair with the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents
  - Farmer’s Market has agreed to host the graduation to allow for enough spacing.
  - Lisa Ball is 8<sup>th</sup> grade class advisor will reach out to PTA for refreshments or otherwise (decorations)
- Kindergarten Meet and Greet for 2021-2022 - Date TBD - Chairperson needed

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## Fundraisers

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### Review of Past Events/Fundraisers

- Parent as Partners Workshops: Google classroom, Seesaw, & Power School - February 10, 2021 - Chairperson: Lindsey Lipari
- Virtual Bingo - February 26, 2021 - Chairperson: Lindsey Lipari
  - Large participation – all kids received door prizes and first virtual event
- Virtual Paint Night - April 8, 2021 - Chairperson: Tammy McNamara
  - 25 families, approx. 30 kids
  - Sold 38 paint kits
- Spring Apparel Sale - ended April 18, 2021 - Chairperson: Courtney Jasukla
  - Don’t have final numbers yet, but at least 13 orders plus the school made an order
- Middle School Virtual Trivia- April 19, 2021 - Chairperson: Bill Nevins
  - Bill described how the event had to be private due to participation with students and break out rooms. Overall, the event went well with high participation. Pizza and cupcakes will be provided to the students for participation.
- Earth Day Bingo April 12th - April 30th - Chairperson: Lindsey Lipari

### Upcoming Fundraisers

- Virtual 5K, May 1 - May 31, 2021 - Chairperson: Tammy McNamara
  - We have 44 5k Participants and 16 kids for fun run
  - Accepting sign ups through May
- Photography Fundraiser- May 25 & 26, 2021, 3pm to 6pm - Chairperson: Jessica Klami
  - Andrew Franciosa - \$100 for time for photos
- Used Book/Apparel Sale- Date TBD - Chairperson: Tammy McNamara
  - Collected a lot of books, details for sale is on-going
  - Potentially at the park on weekends during baseball season

- Ongoing: Amazon Smiles, Givebacks & fundraisers through Memberhub
  - Put in Menands Newsletter
  - Bill discussed that the givebacks is a great fundraiser and people should be using them

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## Member Comments

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- Discussed reconstituting the audit committee, Courtney volunteered to get the committee back together to audit the budget.
- Questions on Kindergarten moving up ceremony – Aragona discussed that they are still in the process of determining details, whether it is virtual or in person.
- Need to plan events for next year as well – need an event planning person and chairing events.
- Dr. Long thanked everyone for chairing and hosting recent events and the kids are loving them.
- Dr. Long thanked Madalyn for her time and contributions and congratulated the new officers.
- Dr. Long is attending a meeting this month on pre-k and hope to have details about pre-k soon.
- Dr. Long also gave an update on summer programs that may be available.

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## Next Meetings

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June 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Location: Virtual

Will be voting on next year's budget.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tammy McNamara at 7:49 Courtney first, seconded by Madalyn all voted in favor.