



Minutes-November 13, 2023

PTA President Christina Yazbek called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Quorum met with 16 members logged on at 7:15 PM. Tonilyn Riccardi-1st V.P., Johana Tedesco- Secretary, Diana Armandi-Treasurer and Mrs. Kimball-Principal, were in attendance. Christina Minetto-2nd V.P. was absent.

I. Secretary's Report (Johana Tedesco)

Attendance –

- 16 Members logged on. Quorum met.
- Communication Methods: Remind: Text @bostipta to the number 81010; **Facebook**-Bosti PTA group; Gmail-bostipta@gmail.com; **Website**- bostipta.org
- Mrs. Kimball emailed the October's minutes, budget, and agenda to the members. No discussion took place; Proceeded with vote. Diana Armandi motioned. Mrs. Kimball seconded it. 14 ayes, 0 nays. The minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report (Diana Armandi)

- Current balance is \$13,533.38 in our bank account.

Expenses paid/Revenue brought in

- **Fall Plant Sale:** We sold 194 items and collected \$1,936. We cut a check to Joseph for \$1,213.75. Our profit was \$722.25.
- **Book Fair:** We sold a total of \$5,308.91. We paid Scholastic \$4,210. That leaves us with \$557.22 in profit. We earned \$1604.19 in Scholastic Dollars.
- **Halloween Spooktacular:** This is more of a giveback event. We spent a total of \$1,737.40 on the party. We made \$502.60 in profit.
- **Cookie Dough:** We collected \$3,103.50. We paid them their portion of \$763. We made a profit of \$2,340.50.
- **Pumpkin Patch:** This is a giveback event. We spent \$1,244.45 on pumpkins and decorating kits.
- **Chocolate Sale:** We sold \$5,340.00 worth of chocolate. We paid World's Finest \$2,990.00. Our profit is \$2,350.00. Mrs. Lewis' class won a pizza party for being the top selling class. The top selling student was Addison Ronan with 8 boxes sold. Addison received an Amazon gift card. The second top selling student was Sofia Glasser with 7 boxes sold. She won a 5lb milk chocolate bar.
- **All of these numbers are final numbers, so they are reflected on the budget in bold.**
- **We did receive some money from membership, but that is ongoing. We paid \$10 in state/national dues this month. We are currently up to date with our dues.**

III. President's Report (Christina Yazbek)

Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

- **McTeacher's Night:** We want to thank everyone who came out to support the Bosti PTA at McDonald's on November 2nd. We also want to thank Mrs. Kimball and the staff that "worked" that night. The kids look forward to seeing who will be serving the food to them. It was a fun night. It didn't seem as busy as past years, but our numbers were a little better than last year. We must have had a bunch of mobile and drive through orders that a night.
- **White Post Farms:** Sale ended last Monday. The orders were placed last Thursday. Pickup will be at Bosti on Tuesday, November 21st from 6 to 7:30 PM. All orders must be picked up that evening. These are fresh baked goods, and we cannot store them over the long Thanksgiving weekend.
- **Comedy Night:** Comedy Night took place on Thursday November 9th. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend due to OBMS National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony for my oldest. I heard that it turned out to be a great evening. Everyone seemed to have fun. We ran a 50/50 raffle. The winner won \$110 and was not a member of the Bosti community. We also had a chance auction with 11 baskets.
- **Holiday Gift Card Sale:** Holiday Gift Card sale started on November 13th and ran through November 27th. The flyer and order form was sent home. The order form lists a variety of gift cards available. If you go to the Raise Right website, you can search for even more options. You buy the gift cards at face value, and depending on the card you buy, the Bosti PTA earns 1.25 - 16% of the sale. Physical gift cards will be available for pickup at the Evening Holiday Fair on December 5th from 6-7:30 PM. We will NOT be sending gift cards home with the children.

Report of Standing Committees

- **Membership:** We currently have 186 members. Our goal is 216 members. Membership is ongoing. Never too late to join for the year. Go to BostiPTA.org for the links to join. We won the New York State Trailblazer Membership Award for reaching 75% of our membership goal by October 31st.
- **Cultural Arts:** Fifth Grade Circus begins November 27th. The students will be practicing skills like juggling, plate spinning, and stilt walking. The fifth graders will perform for the school during the day on December 1st. There is also an evening performance at OBMS on December 1st at 7 PM. Third grade options are being worked on. I reached out to the performer we had last year for third grade because her program isn't listed in the BOCES catalog this year. She submitted her paperwork, but BOCES is behind in updating their catalog. We can't book until the program is listed. In the meantime, I'm getting information on two other options as a backup.

IV. 1st Vice President's Report (Tonilyn Riccardi)

Chair/Fundraising Report

- **Halloween Spooktacular:** Michelle Distelkamp and Johnny Brush ran this event. Thank you to our chairs and volunteers for their hard work. Everyone looks forward to this night and we could not have pulled it together without the help of our chairs and volunteers. The weather didn't cooperate, so we needed to use our rain date of October 27th. We had an excellent turn out and it seemed like everyone had a great time. There was a Halloween walk with Halloween decorations. Due to the change of date, we couldn't do animatronics, but it was still a fun experience. We had a DJ, games, light refreshments,

and a sensory tent (sensory rice play, fishing station, bubbles, fidgets, etc.). There was also a pumpkin decorating contest that Mrs. Kimball judged. We had one winner in each of the five categories - Spookiest, Funniest, Most Creative, Best Overall, and Cutest. The winners each received a prize. There was a little confusion about judging. Some people thought they were voting for the winners of each category. As a result, we might add a "Fan Favorite" category next year that people vote on the winner for.

- **Picture Retake Day:** Retake Day was November 1st. We are appreciative of Jeanine Randazzo and all the event volunteers. Retakes went well. We also took group shots for the 5th Grade yearbook. If your child took pictures for the first time because they missed picture day in October, you should have received an email from Jo-Art with your child's pictures. If your child took retake pictures as a second attempt, the link emailed to you in October will have the pictures from both days. If you did not receive an email, please contact Jo-Art at Joartphoto@gmail.com
- **Food Drive:** Jamie Alonso is chairing the event. Food drive started today and ends on Friday, November 17th. The flyer was sent home last week. We are collecting non-perishable food items in cans and boxes. Please do not send in items in glass jars. There is a list of suggested items on the flyer. Donations benefit St. John Nepomucene: The Bob Walther Food Pantry. There is a Principal's Challenge to motivate the students to donate. The grade that collects the most food will receive a no homework night. If the school collects 1,000 items, we will have an extra pajama day. If the school collects 1,500 items, there will be a no homework night for everyone AND Mrs. Kimball will dress up in a T-Bird costume.
- **Holiday Fair:** Diana Armandi is chairing the event. Students will be shopping during the school day on Tuesday, December 5th and Wednesday, December 6th. Please send your child in with money if you would like them to shop. There will also be an Evening Holiday Fair on Tuesday, December 5th from 6-7:30 PM. Families are invited to come shop together. In addition to shopping, there will be photo opportunities with some holiday characters. There will be some crafts and light refreshments served. It should be a fun night! If you ordered from the Holiday Gift Card fundraiser, physical gift cards will be available for pick up at the event. Flyers will be coming home soon!

V. 2nd Vice President's Report (Christina Minetto)

A. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

- **Pumpkin Patch:** I chaired this event with help from Michelle Distelkamp. I want to thank Michelle and all the volunteers who showed up bright and early to help clean the pumpkins and turn the school yard into a pumpkin patch. Students picked their pumpkins on October 24th and decorated them on October 25th. This is always such a fun event. We love seeing the students creating their perfect pumpkins!
- **Greeting Card Sale:** This was a new fundraiser we were trying. It ended today, so we don't have numbers yet. We sold boxes of greeting cards for \$30 each. There were five boxes to choose from (All Occasion 1, All Occasion 2, Holiday, Thanks and Blanks, and Kids Birthday). Each box has 30 cards with matching envelopes except the holiday box, which has 50!

- **Spirit Apparel:** We want to thank Audra Malone for chairing this sale. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, our original vendor was unable to complete the orders placed. We apologize for the inconvenience. Everyone was issued a refund last week. The vendor said the refunds take a few days to process. If you have not received your refund, give it another couple of days. If you still haven't received your refund after that, please email DesignCollectivebyJM@gmail.com and cc us at BostiPTA@gmail.com. We were able to get a different vendor who agreed to hold a quick sale with limited items. Orders must be placed by November 16th and will be delivered before the holiday break. The sale includes a choice of a short sleeve t-shirt, a long sleeve t-shirt, a hooded sweatshirt, and sweatpants. Each item can be ordered with either a Bosti or Connetquot screen print design. Tops can be ordered in red, jet black, or heather gray. Sweatpants are available in jet black or heather gray. The flyer was sent out electronically through Remind. It has also been posted on the Bosti PTA website and on our Facebook page.
- **Cookie Dough/Cherrydale Pick Up:** Pick up will be on Tuesday, November 21st. Since the cookie dough is frozen, it must be picked up that night. We have no way to keep it frozen over the long Thanksgiving weekend.

II. Principal's Report (Principal Kimball)

- Red Ribbon week was a success. Officer Justin came in to do an introduction to police assembly for grades K-2 and an Internet safety assembly for grades 3-5.
- Islander Week: There will be an assembly Wednesday, Please wear Islander colors.
- November 21st. Connetquot High School students in Mrs. Roeser's Psychology class will be introducing into our school their program Psychology Into the Real World. There will be activities in classrooms where they will introduce strategies on how to manage emotions. We will also have them come in the spring. Mrs. Rosser had a trial run last spring in Idle Hour and it was a success.
- Thanksgiving food drive to make baskets for Bosti families in need. West Sayville Fire Department is helping out as well as faculty and staff.
- There will be a 15 minute dismissal on November 21st.

III. Report of Informative Committees

A. Board of Education Report – Lee Cullen

- CPR training being offered to staff.
- Island Hills Rezone: children living in Sayville currently zoned for Connetquot School District could be rezoned to Sayville district. There will be 3 story buildings, possibly higher.
- Concern on the size of the lunch, letter of concern mail to the State.

B. Co-Council Report

- Johana Tedesco attended this meeting.
- They discussed the next steps for the Wizards fundraiser in February. The event date is Wednesday, February 28th. There will be 1,000 tickets available due to the high school gym's capacity. There will be tiers of tickets available. General admission is \$25 if purchased ahead, \$30 at the door. Reserved seating is \$35 a ticket. That's the first four rows of the bleachers. Courtside VIP tickets will be \$50. This option has you sitting on folding chairs near the court, get you a meet and greet with a player, a lanyard, a picture of a player or the team, and a \$5 merchandise voucher. Courtside Player VIP tickets cost \$125 each. They include everything that Courtside VIP has

but with a \$10 merchandise voucher, a jersey, and you play a 5 on 5 four minute game. Only 10 of these tickets can be sold. Council is looking for three or four volunteers from each unit to help out that night. If you are interested, please reach out to me and I'll give you more details. They are asking each unit to provide a basket to raffle off at the event.

- We also have the option of doing the WIZ FIT Challenge (Stands for Wellness, Imagination, Zero Hate, Fun, Inspiration, and Teamwork) at a reduced cost of \$1500 instead of \$2000. This includes a 20 minute in person kickoff assembly and a 35 minute in person "graduation" assembly at the end of the 2 week challenge. Students raise money by completing 6 video challenges over a two week period. (Similar to a read a thon). Challenges can also be incorporated into PE so students complete them together. Students earn prizes based on donation milestones. Regardless of donations, students can earn a free light up Wizards bracelet for registering and a WIZFIT medal for completing the challenge. Volunteer teachers will be taught the WIZFIT Shuffle over Zoom.

C. Site Based Management Team Meeting is scheduled for 11/29 @ 8:35 AM

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

- The BOE is looking for 2 members per unit to join the budget committee. If you're interested, please reach out to Christina for more information.

VI. Announcements

- Annual Food Drive – November 13th-17th
- Holiday Gift Card Sale November 13th -27th
- Cherrydale/Cookie Dough & White Post Farms Pickup – November 21st, 6-7:30 PM at Bosti
- 5th Grade Circus – November 27th - December 1st
- PJ Day – November 28th
- SBMT Meeting – November 29th at 8:35 AM
- 5th Grade Circus Evening performance – December 1st, 7 PM at OBMS
- Holiday Fair – December 5th & 6th; Evening Holiday Fair December 5th, 6-7:30 PM at Bosti
- Holiday Gift Card Pickup - December 5th, 6-7:30 PM
- Early Dismissal – December 8th

Next Virtual PTA Meeting – Monday, December 18^h at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM