



Minutes - October 16, 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., Christina Minetto- 2nd V.P., Johana Tedesco- Secretary, Diana Armandi-Treasurer and Mrs. Kimball-Principal, were in attendance.

Secretary's Report (Johana Tedesco)

- 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 September's minutes, budget and agenda to the membership. No discussion took place; proceeded with vote. Diana Armandi motioned. Katie Poppe seconded it. 14 ayes, 0 nays. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Diana Armandi)

- Current balance in bank account is \$8419.49.
- Expenses: Spent \$1842.49 on the Welcome Back Event.
- Revenue: Received \$580.57 profit check from School supply sale.

President's Report (Christina Yazbek)

- The Givebacks program is like AmazonSmile but user earns cash back as well as a percentage of the sale being donated to our PTA. More information and steps for setting it up are located on the Bosti PTA website and our Facebook page.
- White Post Farms sale begins tomorrow (Oct.17) and runs through Monday, Nov. 6. Check out their pies, breads, cookies, soups & dips. Gluten free options are available too! Pick up will be at Bosti from 6-7:30 PM on Tuesday, Nov.21st. Orders must be picked up that night because we cannot store them over Thanksgiving weekend.
- McTeacher's Night is Thursday, November 2nd from 5-7 PM. Mrs. Kimball and other staff will be "working" that night. Show the flyer and Mc Donald's will donate 15% of your purchase to the Bosti PTA.
- Comedy Night is Thursday, November 9th. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Show starts at 8 PM. \$15 a ticket. There is a two-item minimum purchase from the food and drink menu. 50/50 raffle and Chance Auction. Lots of different baskets to try to win, including a football signed by Giants player Bobby Okereke, a picture autographed by Jets player Garrett Wilson, Splish Splash tickets & more!

Report of Standing Committees

- **Membership:** Currently we have 182 members. Our goal is 216 members for the year. Membership is ongoing, not too late to join.
 - We were awarded the Early Bird Award for having met more than 50% of our membership goal by September 30th.
- **Cultural Arts:** Still working on booking programs for all the grades.

1st Vice President's Report (Tonilyn Riccardi)

- Our Fall Plant Sale ended September 22nd. No final numbers yet but all orders were picked up on the night of the Evening Book Fair.
- Thank you to Ed Hanley who ran the chocolate sale. We don't have the official numbers yet because the sale just ended on Friday.
- Thank you to Jeanine Randazzo and all the volunteers who helped make picture day a success. We had a few last minute set up changes that needed to be made. Notes were made to avoid some issues for next year. Everyone should have received the email from Jo-Art with your child's pictures. Once you have that link, you can select backgrounds and purchase pictures. If you did not receive an email, please contact Jo-Art at Joartphoto@gmail.com. Retake day will be November 1st.
- Thank you to Dorothy Roventini and Shannon Meyers for coordinating the book fair. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with this fun event. Final numbers are not in yet.
- Michelle Distelkamp and Johnny Brush run our Halloween Spooktacular event. It's taking place on October 20th with a rain date of October 27th. Tickets are \$5.00 each. All adults and students attending must have a ticket. Students must have at least one adult accompany them. This event is for Bosti students only. There will be a Spook walk, a pumpkin decorating contest, DJ, games, light refreshments, and a sensory tent with rice play, a fishing station, bubbles, etc. Mrs. Kimball will judge the pumpkin decorating contest. The categories are: Spookiest, Funniest, Most Creative, Best Overall, and Cutest. The winner for each category receives a prize. Please do not put your name on or around the pumpkin.

2nd Vice President's Report (Christina Minetto)

- I ran the Welcome Back Social, which was on Friday, September 22nd. We did a lemonade stand theme. We had a DJ, an obstacle course, bounce slide, food truck and of course, lemonade! The kids had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Audra Malone chaired the spirit wear sale. We want to thank her for organizing it. There is a delay in shipment. Our vendor is working on getting the orders to us as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.
- Cookie Dough/Cherrydale: Sale ended on Friday, October 13th. The order was placed over the weekend. Pick-up will be on Tuesday, November 21st. Since the cookie dough is frozen, it must be picked up this night. We have no way to keep it frozen over the long Thanksgiving weekend.
- I did pumpkin patch this year with Michelle Distelkamp. The pumpkins and supplies have been ordered and we are all set for the event. Students will pick their pumpkins on Tuesday, October 24th. Please send your child in with a sturdy bag to hold the pumpkin in. They will then decorate them on Wednesday, October 25th.
- Our Greeting Card Sale is a new fundraiser this year. We will be selling boxes of greeting cards for \$30 each. There are 5 options to choose from: All Occasion 1, All Occasion 2, Holiday, Thanks and Blanks, and Kids Birthday. Sale begins October 30th and ends November 13th.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Kimball)

- Assembly for all grades except Kindergarten with West Sayville Fire Department. Kindergarten will be doing a field trip to the firehouse.
- Police department will have an assembly, K-2 Intro to Police, 3-5 Internet safety assembly.
- A flyer was sent electronically for Ribbon Week.
- Halloween costumes are allowed, no weapons or masks, no fake blood, no heels. Parade will only be grades PreK to 2nd.
- We had requested artificial turf, it was approved.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, please get screened. We are also collecting pennies and coins.

Report of Informative Committees

- **Board of Education Report** - Mrs. Kimball was present for part of the night, because 2 aides were recognized for saving children in the cafeteria.
- **Co-Council Report:** Wizards Fundraiser will be held in February. They need volunteers.
 - All units were asked to speak to our members about what SEPTA is. SEPTA is the PTA that specializes in helping with Special Education. They do minimal fundraising. Most of their revenue comes from membership. Their primary role is to help parents when they have questions about forms, procedures, and paths that parents can take to help their children receive the individual services to best help the child. They are available to help anyone with a question, regardless of whether the child receives services.
- **Site Based Management Team Meeting (Mrs. Kimball)** is scheduled for 9/27 @ 8:35 AM.
Team discussed Math Resources/how to access the tools. Teachers are happy with the new program.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Announcements

- White Post Farms Pie Fundraiser – October 17th
- Halloween Spooktacular - October 20th, 5:30-8:30 PM (Rain Date 10/27)
- Cookie Dough Sale -September 26th through October 13th
- Pumpkin Patch – October 24th & 25th
- SBMT Meeting – October 25th at 8:35 AM
- Greeting Card Sale begins October 30th
- Make Up Picture Day – November 1st
- McDonald's Night – November 2nd, 5-7 PM
- McGuire's Comedy Club Night – November 9th, 6:30 PM

Next Virtual PTA Meeting – Monday, November 13th at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.