



Minutes-March 18, 2024

PTA president Christina Yazbek called a meeting to order at 7:02. Quorum met 11 people logged on. Johana Tedesco-Secretary, Diana Armandi-Treasurer, Tonilyn Riccardi-1st V. P., and Mrs. Kimball were in attendance. Christina Minetto 2nd V. P. was absent.

1. Secretary's Report (Johana Tedesco)

- 11 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 February minutes, budget, and agenda to the membership. No discussion took place; proceeded with vote. Lisa Quenzer motioned. Noelle Belmonte seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays. The minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (Diana Armandi)

1. We currently have \$16,815.94 in our bank account.
2. Expenses paid/Revenue brought in:

Events/Fundraisers:

- Someone Special Dance: income = \$1,855.00; spent = \$1,176.90; profit \$678.10
- Spring Book Fair: income = \$4,804.84; paid \$4,289.95; profit = \$514.89 + \$1,687.25 in Scholastic dollars

Revenue

- Givebacks: \$0.13
- Memberships: \$10.00

Expenses

- Supplies/Postage - \$8.21
- State Dues – \$12.00
- Cultural Arts - \$1,515.15

3. President's Report (Christina Yazbek)

1. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

A. District Wide Wizards Fundraiser

The sold-out game was held February 28th at Connetquot High School. Everything ran very smoothly. Dr. Centamore and the security were impressed. It was a lot of fun and we're hoping for more district-wide events next year. Bosti's staff did a fantastic job. Mr. Ingarozza and Ms. Kraska played. Mrs. Kimball, Ms. McNally, Ms. Faele, Mrs. Fazzino, Ms. Wallace, Ms. Alonzo, and Mrs. Manzo were cheerleaders. We thank them for volunteering their time and talents. We don't have exact numbers on what each school made yet, but it looks to be in the ballpark of \$1,500 each school. Council will provide the exact figure at our next meeting.

B. Internet Safety Workshop

Bosti was signed up for a free virtual Family Tech Talk workshop on February 13th. The presenter was in an accident and was unable to present. The company was emailed. They responded the following day. The workshop is rescheduled for Wednesday, April 3 at 8 PM. The information will be posted on Facebook and our website. We'll also send out a flyer this week. When you log in, please sign in. Any school parent group with at least 5 participants will be entered into a raffle for a \$100 Amazon gift card. There will also be 3 people randomly selected to receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. You must sign in to be eligible.

C. Nominations and Elections

We will vote on the slate at our May meeting. Nomination forms have gone out. They are due back no later than Friday, April 5th. You can nominate yourself or someone you know for one or more positions. The nominating committee will review and select candidates for each of the positions. They will present their slate at our April meeting.

D. Grown Up & Me Craft Night

Grown Up & Me Craft Night is on Friday, April 5th from 6-8 pm at Bosti. The flyer has gone out. It is posted on our Facebook page and website. Tickets are \$5 each. All materials will be supplied. We will also serve light refreshments. We will be painting terracotta flower pots and making artificial flower arrangements to put in them. This event is for current Bosti students and their grownup. Students must be accompanied by a grownup. Grownups may accompany more than one child. Only 160 seats are available- first come, first served.

Reserve your spot by completing the section on the flier and sending it in with payment in an envelope labeled PTA Craft Night. Spots will be reserved until March 26th or until we run out of seats (whichever comes first).

2. Report of Standing Committees

A. Membership

- We currently have 190 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.

B. Cultural Arts

- We booked The Wacky Science Show for fourth grade on March 11th. Mrs. Kimball said it was well received – high energy and very engaging.
- We booked a program by Mad Science LI called Super Science Sounds for Pre-K. That will take place March 26th.
- We booked Let's Go to China for third grade. Patricia Shih will be presenting that on April 30th.
- Program options for Kindergarten and second grade are still being weighed. Options for first grade still being researched.

4. 1st Vice President's Report (Tonilyn Riccardi)

1. Chair/Fundraising Report

- Spring Book Fair

Our Spring Book Fair was held during the school day on March 6th and 7th. We had an evening book fair on March 6th. We want to thank Dorothy Roventini and Shannon Myers for chairing the event and the volunteers that helped the students shop. We made a profit of \$514.89 and earned \$1,687.25 in Scholastic dollars.

- Panera

We had our Panera restaurant night on March 11th from 4-8 PM. Panera donated 20% of sales that night back to our PTA. We made \$200.81. We are still awaiting the check.

- Spring Plant Sale

Flyers have gone out. We are working with Joseph's Garden & Greenhouse again. This is a pre-order sale. There are many types of plants on the form. Many of the flowers also allow you to choose between colors. There are a variety of flowers and herbs & vegetables in 4.5" pots. There are a variety of hanging baskets available in 6", 8", and 10" sizes. There are also flowers available as flats of 48

plants. Complete the form with the quantities of the plants you want. Submit the form with payment (cash or check) by Monday, March 25th. Take a picture of your form for your records. Pickup of orders will take place at Joseph's Garden & Greenhouse on May 3rd from 3:30 to 5 pm. Christina will bring orders not picked up to her house and arrange pickup with anyone who can't make it that day.

5. 2nd Vice President's Report (Christina Minetto)

A. Chair/Fundraising & Event Report

- Hershey Park

Our Hershey Park discounted ticket sale ended March 11th. The order was submitted. The tickets should arrive before Hershey Park opens for the season on March 29th. Once we have the tickets, we will let you know the details of pickup.

6. Principal's Report (Principal Kimball)

- Easter break coming up on March 28-29
- Report cards being completed, will be posted beginning of April
- Parent teacher conferences on March 22nd, we have a half a day.
- Upcoming ELA State Test for 5th grade (computer test) is on April 8th and 9th
- Grades 3rd and 4th (paper test) are on 11th and 12th
- The tests will be paper based
- Mid to late April we will be sending a letter to parents asking if they have any concerns for the upcoming year with their children.
- We might be down some sections next year. We will not know until early May.

7. Report of Informative Committees

A. Board of Education Report: Lee Cullen, not present, but Mrs. Kimball gave a quick report.

- Board approved the calendar for next year.
- Mr. Hauser discussed budget cuts at a state level.
- Dr. Centamore said there is a push against it from him and other superintendents and politicians to not cut education, he really is trying to be optimistic and is waiting to see what happens.
- They gave a shout out to a HS student responsible for the fundraiser known as Hat Drop, where over 400 hats were donated for children that suffer Alopecia.
- Elementary principals had a very nice presentation about all the good events and things happening at an elementary level. Powerpoint presentation is available on the main website.

B. Co-Council Report

Dr. Centamore sent his notes because he was at the high school for Career Night. He had a great time at the Wizards game. He loved seeing the community come together and would like to see at least one district-wide event every year. The free breakfast/lunch program began. He would like everyone to participate because it will help our case for renewing the program when the time comes. Feedback on the Wizards game was discussed. Each unit should receive roughly \$1,500. We do not have exact numbers yet because there were still returns that needed to be made and receipts that needed to be submitted for reimbursement. We should find out the exact amount that each unit will receive on April 4th at the next meeting.

C. Site Based Management Team Meeting

It was a very short meeting. Discussed the breakfast program. There is a change to where the kids enter the building. Discussed the Wizards game.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

Solar Eclipse Glasses – Mrs. Kimball reached out to us to see if the PTA could purchase eclipse glasses for the students and staff. It wasn't in our budget, but we were able to get 350 glasses donated by Eclipse for a Cause. Oliver's Playhouse made a monetary donation so that we could purchase the additional glasses needed. They have now been ordered and were expected to ship out today.

10. Announcements

- SBMT Meeting - March 20th at 8:35 AM
- Early Dismissal – March 22nd
- PJ Day – March 26^h
- Easter Recess (No School) - March 28^h – April 1st
- Family Tech Talk Virtual Workshop – April 3rd at 8 PM
- Grown Up & Me Craft Night – April 5th 6-8 PM

Next Virtual PTA Meeting – Monday, April 15th at 7pm