

**Commack PTA Council  
Executive Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 8:07pm. President Eleanor Stentiford presiding.

The pledge was said.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund: Share Draft Checking - \$4,013.70            Money Market - \$17,644.45

Scholarship: Share Draft Checking -\$ 463.00    Money Market - \$41,960.19

Please get all calendar money and scholarship donations to Mary.

**December Minutes:** Stand approved

**Speaker:** Debbie Virga presented information on the Commack Coalition of Caring program "What All Parents Need to Know.....Substance Abuse in Commack", which will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the high school.

**Superintendents Report:**

**Dr. Robb-Fund:**

- An e-mail is being sent to all Presidents about Dr. Feltman's retirement party which will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please forward this to your memberships.
- One Book One Community kick-off event is on January 19<sup>th</sup> at CHS.
- March is Kindergarten registration month.

**Mr. Weiss:**

- It is very important for PTA membership to show up at the Coalition of Caring program on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Michelle Hidalgo was named News12 Dowling College Teacher of the Year.
- ELA testing will now be in the spring.
- The HS and MS are gearing up for mid-term and regents exams.

**Presidents Report:**

- Please sign in and notify Eleanor of any e-mail address changes.
- 1/19 – Website Workshop by Brenda Lentsch at Hubbs
- 1/28 – Commack Coalition of Caring forum at CHS
- 1/28 – Presidents and Principals dinner at the Hyatt Regency
- 2/6 – Suffolk Regions Winter Workshops
- 2/23 – Presidents Roundtable
- 3/6 – Legislative Breakfast at the Hyatt Regency
- The Founders Day Committee will be meeting soon. Please let Eleanor know names of the unit reps.
- 2/4 – Founder's Day
- Our next meeting is 3/1.

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget:**

- Half year cuts proposed are \$1.7 million, this money had already been allocated.
- High School Honor Society Cuts – they must provide a service like tutoring and be affiliated with a National or State Society.
- Budget Workshop dates are 3/11, 3/24, and 4/6.

**Founder's Day:**

- Laura Giusti is collecting dinner money.

**Health and Safety:**

- Hand Sanitizers are on backorder.
- Trees at WP need to be taken down, in house personnel will be used as much as possible for this.
- The High School is getting new seats for the auditorium.
- There have been concerns about bathrooms not being clean, please notify your rep or Katie if there is a concern.
- Amblyopia training is 2/2.
- The next blood drive is 6/9 at MSIS.

**Historian:**

- All pictures have been handed in.

**Hospitality:**

- Thank you to Maria and Jackie.

**Newsletter:**

- We need reports for the following committees: Budget, Arts in Ed., Environment and Health and Safety.

**Photography:**

- Any units interested in doing a fundraiser with Marty, please let Diane Kraut know ASAP.
- Unit reps will be contacted soon to come up with uniform rules for the schools to follow.

**Publicity:**

- Upcoming Parent Workshops:
  - 1/25 – Mean Girls at CMS
  - 2/2 – Family Communication at MSIS
  - 3/2 – Internet Safety at CHS
  - In March – Apple of My Eye from Megan's Law

**Reach:**

- There will be a meeting this Wednesday to coordinate possible dates for the Babysitting Workshop.
- A ski trip is being planned for 2/28 to Shawnee. This is an all day event from approx. 6:30am – 7:30pm at a cost of \$75 per person. For more info. Call 549-9417.

**Scholarship:**

- The Modell's fundraiser is finished, but we don't have figures for that yet.
- NY Islander's game is next, we don't have a date yet, probably some time in March.
- We may do a spring Modell's fundraiser.

**School Board:**

- Music Dept awards were presented to All County and All State participants.
- Congratulations to the Girl's Varsity Gymnastics team, they are Suffolk County Champions.
- Mr. Weiss presented a three tiered support system that the district has implemented.
- Mrs. Mannino presented an overview of the Commack Alternative High School.
- A donation of \$10,000 was made by the class of 2009 towards the purchase of lighting equipment.

- Mr. Hechtenberg would like to start a community garden at Marian Carll Farm.

**SEPTA:**

- Next support group meets this Friday.
- Our next meeting is 1/12 at WP.
- The Holiday Boutique was a success.
- All of our fundraising items are continually on sale.

**Teacher Representatives:**

**Primary:**

- The second marking period ends 1/22.

**Website:**

- There is a new transportation section under the District Office link.
- BOE presentations are always posted.
- Helpful Resources for Parents are very helpful.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51pm.