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Minutes of Special Virtual PTA Meeting
June 9, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm

President, Stacey Saieva: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Welcomed all to our Virtual PTA meeting, introduced officers and noted that we have the proper number of members present to conduct business.

Introduced officers:

Cindi St. George, Vice-President

Kate Martin, Secretary

Denise Pacchiano, Treasurer

Minutes of the last General PTA meeting in May were approved as written and filed. Our By-laws are available by email, if desired.

TREASURER REPORT Denise Pacchiano reviewed the May Report-this is Denise's last Treasurer Report. She thanked everyone for a great 2 years.

The Unqua Elementary School PTA bank account had \$36,547.43 in it on May 1, 2020 and \$36,547.43 in it on May 31, 2020. Most of the expenses over the course of May were nominal since we were in lockdown. We made a deposit of \$20.00 which was a donation from two Unqua families. She deposited our box tops check for the spring mailing, which was \$466.50, and we received the deposit back from the hall for Parents Night Out, which was also deposited (\$200.00). If you have not done so already, please submit all outstanding expense vouchers to her as soon as you can. You can email them over. If you have any questions, please reach out. Books will be reconciled next time we are together which will hopefully be soon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Our membership this year was 528 people, just shy of our goal of 534. Thank you to all our families and teachers who signed up. Thank you to our chair Jessica Cona.

TEACHER REPS: Our teacher reps are Ms. Sondo and Mrs. Pass. Thank you very much for all you both have done.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Mrs. Catapano thanked the PTA for continuing with tradition and putting on the awards ceremony tonight virtually. She really appreciated all the hard work that was put in to making the night special.

Mrs. Catapano wanted to thank all the parents and volunteers that made last week's student supply pick up so successful. They only have 4 more bags left out of over 500. She also thanked her entire staff from the teachers, to security and custodial staff for all their help and support to make Wednesday and Friday go so smoothly.

There has been no decision made yet on September. They are looking at various plans but will need to wait on the guidance from the Governor before any decisions are made.

On Monday June 15th the Staff will be holding a drive by parade for the 5th graders. Each student will be able to decorate one car and the Teachers & Staff will line the driveway and cheer as each student and their family drive by.

Mrs. Catapano discussed how everyone is getting into google meets and if there is an issue with getting on or with anything else to reach out directly to her or Mrs. Hulsaver via phone or email. Mrs. Catapano is in the office daily and will return your call or email as soon as she can.

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She reminded parents that Friday is Virtual Field Day and she thanked the PTA for the signs and sling bags that were all delivered. She appreciates the huge effort in making this special for all the students and wanted to let everyone know how thankful she was.

She ended by Congratulating all the recipients who will be receiving awards tonight.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT: Mrs. Hulsaver wished everyone well wishes and hopes everyone is staying healthy. She also wanted to thank all the parents and staff for making last week's student pick up go so smoothly.

She is looking forward to celebrating the 5th graders on Monday during their drive thru moving up ceremony.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Our final Superintendent & Council was held virtually on May 13th. Once again, they asked us to encourage everyone to complete the Census. The Census helps to determine how much the school districts will receive in state aid for the next 10 years, so it is important to have our population properly accounted for, especially as we might be facing budget cuts due to COVID-19.

A virtual Meet the BOE Candidates night was held on June 1st. You can still mail in your votes for the budget and two BOE candidates, but it must be received by June 16th. The district is still processing refunds for class trips, and any money for Class of 2020 activities that can be refunded, will be refunded.

Virtual Field Day: Last week, our school volunteers delivered lawn signs and custom sling bags filled with items for our Virtual Field Day, which are yours to keep.

- Field Day is this Friday, June 12th from 11am-2pm.
 - If these times do not work with your schedule, please do not stress about it. Take some time when it is convenient and have fun with the items at a time that works better for you.
- Please wear your class shirt or your class colors.
- Please post pictures to Twitter using **#UnquaVirtualFieldDay2020**, **#UnquaUnited**, and **#TogetherApart2020**.
- If you would like to be included in our Field Day slide show, please text pictures to Cindi St. George (516) 382-2522 no later than Sunday, June 15th at 5:00pm.

Thank you, Mr. Dellicurci and Mrs. Osborne, for all of your help planning this fun virtual event.

Class parents, please make sure to refer to the email that was sent out last month regarding the remainder of the class dues.

Please do not forget about our colorful rock walkway that we are working on. Please paint a rock and bring it back to school when we go back (or if you want, you can drop them off at Stacey's house).

As this was Stacey's final meeting as PTA President, she took the time to thank Mrs. Catapano and Mrs. Hulsaver for their support throughout the school year. She also thanked the Executive Board – Cindi St. George, Kate Martin, and Denise Pacchiano for all their help and guidance. Most importantly, she thanked all our volunteers. Unqua PTA would not be able to do what we do without you. We will always be stronger together. Thank you!!!

NEW BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOE: All meetings are now live streamed and can be found at the below link.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFAcODhUNm2tQIIEBP3DyeRbrsz5fnwog>

BOYS BASH: There are still quite a few people who have not picked up Boys Bash refunds. If you paid cash, please text (718) 781-8519 to arrange contactless pickup. All checks have been shredded.

BOX TOPS: Just a reminder, even though we are not in school, we are still collecting box tops! Please continue to clip them and send them to school in September. Please download the Box Tops app, search for Unqua and scan your receipt within 14 days. Another easy way to earn extra box tops for the school is to enroll your ShopRite card in the ShopRite for My School Everyday program. Thank you Christina Dell'Anno and Stacey Saieva-Hock for chairing.

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Reflections: Unqua PTA Reflections projects, participation certificates and awards were delivered to each participant on Monday. Unqua received 41 entries from 36 participants. 14 advanced to Nassau Region for judging and we had 1 New York State Award of Merit winner. Congrats to all our participants. Next year's theme is "I Matter Because....." Thank you, Cindi St. George, for chairing.

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS: School supply kits have started to arrive. Please make sure to check them for missing and/or damaged items. If there are any issues, call 800-365-5345 or email info@educationalproducts.com within 7 days. Thank you to Melanie Geier for organizing.

AWARDS CEREMONY:

Tonight was a night to come together virtually to say goodbye to some of our volunteers, to welcome our new PTA officers and to honor some special individuals who have made remarkable contributions to our school and students.

Honorary Life: Recognizes individuals for their contributions to the welfare of children. The donation made in the winner's name supports the NYS PTA Twin Projects, which funds scholarships and fellowships for teacher education. Each recipient receives a Life Membership pin and an honorary life member card.

- Mrs. Melinda Alford
- Mrs. Nancy Crudele
- Mrs. Alana Durkin
- Mrs. Diane Haley
- Mrs. Denise Pacchiano
- Mrs. Loree Moran
- Ms. Deanna Musacchia
- Mrs. Kim Rail

Distinguished Service Award: This Award is given to PTA Officers or Members who have devoted exemplary service to the maintenance and growth of the PTA. The individual must be a prior recipient of the Honorary Life Award.

- Mrs. Joyce Valenti

Golden Oak Award: This Award provides the PTA with a way to honor one of our most dedicated volunteers. Proceeds from the award are directed to leadership developments throughout the state.

- Mrs. Joni Pjura

Retirees:

- Mrs. Beilman
- Mrs. Haley
- Mrs. Moran
- Mrs. Pascale
- Mrs. Valenti

5th Grade Parents Honorees

- Nancy Crudele
- Evelyn DeMartino
- Jessica Kurtz
- Stacey LoBello
- Jessica Miller
- Denise Pacchiano
- Shannon Passanante
- Joni Pjura
- Kim Rail
- Melissa Sci
- Rachel VanCura

Unqua Teacher Reps:

- Mrs. Sally Pass
- Ms. Marissa Sondo

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Outgoing PTA Officers:

- President: Stacey Saieva-Hock
- Vice-President: Cindi St. George
- Treasurer: Denise Pacchiano
- Secretary: Kate Martin

Installation of PTA Officers:

- President: Cindi St. George
- Vice-President: Kate Martin
- Treasurer: Nicole Annunziata
- Secretary: Jessica Cona

Congratulations to all our NYS PTA Award Recipients, best of luck to our Retirees, thank you to our graduating parents and good luck to our new officers. Thank you, Jennifer Brown, and Kim Rail, for chairing the Awards Ceremony.

CLOSING:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM