



PTG MEETING MINUTES May 30, 2018
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COMMENCED AT 6:38PM

Erinn Allison, President
Anne Dato, Vice President
Elisa Diego, Secretary
Teessa Pagano, Treasurer

In Attendance: S. Decker, J. Oatley, N. Maertens, C. Hingel, B. O'Connell, C. Crowder, Mr. Leal

1. WELCOME

- a) Erinn Allison welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a) We began our meeting with a vote on Teacher's Wish Lists. Members reviewed all requests prior to voting. The Board informed members that due to our current status with the IRS, and that our fundraising efforts during the year were not as profitable as we had expected, we are unable to fulfill the \$14,000.00 requests. Therefore, we reduced the wish list from \$14,000.00 to approximately \$8,500.00.

b) All members voted and agreed to the reduced amount set by the Board.

c) Board Renewal Terms: A paper ballot was distributed to all members. It was a unanimous vote for "YES" for the following:

-Erinn Allison will preside as President until June 2021.

-Anne Dato will preside as Vice President until June 2021

-Elisa Diego will preside as Secretary until June 2019 (one year renewal).

d) The Board felt it imperative to open it's own PO box to ensure that all mail is accounted for. Effective immediately, our new mailing address is:

Blairstown Elementary School Parent Teachers Group
PO Box 255 Blairstown NJ 07825.

e) Our Box Tops chairperson suggested reducing our proposed budget from \$3,000 to \$1,500.00. This will be reflected for next years school year proposal.

f) PAWS to the Pavement 5K race/walk will not take place until further notice.

e) End of year pizza party will be held on the last day of school, 6/25/18. More details will follow.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

a) A recap of the IRS was given by Elisa Diego. A penalty for \$218.75 was imposed for failure to file in 2008. This was paid by the PTG on 5/13/18 check # 2874.

b) Upon inquiry to the IRS regarding the above penalty, The Board learned that on 3/20/08 a penalty in the amount of \$5,935.00 had been graciously paid by an unknown donor(s) via a postal money order. That was the only information provided to me. The PTG Board and its members are extremely humbled by this act of generosity. On 5/31, a letter was faxed to the IRS requesting a refund of penalties paid, including that of the unknown donor, so that we may locate and return said monies. A member suggested requesting a receipt for our records.

Mr. Leal thanked the Board, and the entire PTG members for a job well done. He communicated with us about the beautification improvements set to done to the sign.

-Mr. Leal, along with members of the student council, will mulch, add stones and plantings to the sign in the coming days.

Meeting adjourned 8:14pm.

