

MINUTES FROM THE 10/6/08  
PTA COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:4. The following people were in attendance: Kathy Mart, Jane Ann Casey, Marybeth Carley, Theresa Costello, Micki Leader, Lucia Caruana, Jean Dennehy, Mary Paul, Judy Hurban, Ron Shapiro, Moira Byrnes and Michelle Jones.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 9/08/08 meeting by M. Carley, seconded by J. Dennehy and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the 2008/2009 proposed budget was made by R. Shapiro, seconded by M. Paul and approved by all.

The Founder's Day committee should be meeting and setting guidelines for the number of free guests a recipient can bring to the event. The audit of the PTA council books has not been done yet.

Council President's Report

The directories have gone to print. Ron Shapiro has volunteered to help with next year's directory. There is still a problem getting the file to print. Could the directory be e-mailed to PTA presidents for changes earlier in the summer, could there be a copy at the first council meeting, and could the directory be put on line so that we can save some trees? The BOE retreat has no date yet. The BOE, superintendent and PTA presidents attend. The question was asked, "Could the building principals attend as well?" This way they could hear the goals of each PTA. SOCES PTA executive board feels that the principals are not supporting the PTA. Could Bill Hughes get feedback from the teachers as to why they are not joining the PTA especially at the SOCES level? The SOCES executive board will meet with the principals before the next PTA meeting to discuss the lack of support and communication between them.

Unit President's Reports

SOMS

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade social is coming up and Rachel's Challenge if moving forward.

ECP

The comedy night is November 1, 2008.

### SOCES

The giftwrap fundraiser is going on until 10/10/08. Student pictures are the week of 10/13/08. Bingo will be held in November. The homework organizer, for use at home, fundraiser ended with about 100 being sold.

### SEPTA

The first meeting will be held on October 14, 2008. Ken Mitchell was to be the guest speaker, but cannot attend.

### TZHS

The high school will be selling air fresheners for the car as a new fundraiser.

### Old Business

ECP still needs to verify that they made their insurance payment. They had no representation at the meeting.

### New Business

Paul Whelan of the South Orangetown Rotary has reached out to the schools because the rotary is dissolving and has money they would like to donate.

What would they like us to do with the money? How is the best way to hold the money? Could the Education Foundation hold the money?

A question was raised about field trip money at SOMS. Why are checks being made out to SOMS for trips? SOMS can put it into club funds and pay for the trips from those accounts.

A motion was made at 9:28 to adjourn the meeting by M. Paul, seconded by M. Byrnes and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mart