



## **SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, November 8, 2013

**Call to Order:** 9:08 am

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:21 am

**Officers Present:** Renee Press, Caroline Kenlon, Michaela Sheridan, Liz Tomaselli, Kristin Mulholland, Karen Blando, Jill Pullano

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Executive President's Welcome – Renee Press**

- Renee welcomed all and made a special presentation of a \$10,000 grant awarded to CASA.

#### **Executive President's Report – Renee Press**

- Student directories for all of the school are either close to being finished or distributed.
- Champions for Charity will take place on November 24 and December 5 – 7 at the Americana Manhasset and Wheatley Plaza. 25% of full price, pre-tax purchases will be donated to the SCA. Purchases of food and beverages are also included in the program, and gift card purchases are eligible for a 10% donation. Program information can be found on our website, [www.Manhassetzca.org](http://www.Manhassetzca.org). Christine Meyer has created a postcard to promote the event.
- Thanks to Babara Deinhardt Mirione for chairing the Lord and Taylor Shop Smart event. 240 coupons were sold, which amount to \$1,200 raised for the SCA. Amounts raised related to the percentage of sales are forthcoming. Thanks to all who participated.
- The SCA Luncheon, scheduled for January 16, is in need of raffle items. Please contact Alexandra Colombos with any donations. More information is available on the SCA website.
- Last weekend Planet Manhasset closed the gardens, after a very successful first growing season. Volunteers cleared the boxes of plant debris, planted garlic and flower bulbs, and covered the soil with mulch. Special thanks to Mr. Pfaeffle, Middle School Science and Technology teacher, for designing and constructing the four garden boxes at the secondary school.
- SEPTA has a new Gifted and Talented Liaison, Joann Thalheimer. SEPTA will be hosting two programs in the coming months. "What is Giftedness?", Tuesday, November 12, 7 pm, Manhasset Public Library and "Manhasset Kids Question Everything", Tuesdays, November 26 – December 17 for grades 7-9. Details can be found on the SEPTA website.
- NYS Commissioner of Education John King will be holding a meeting at Mineola High School on Wednesday, November 13, 4 - 6:30 pm. A limited number of tickets are available. Contact Renee Press if you are interesting in participating. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute a question, please email Charlie Cardillo and the Manhasset representatives will try to bring your question to the floor.
- The High School Charity Art Auction raised \$4,000 this year to benefit MWCABC.

#### **Executive Secretary's Report – Jill Pullano**

- Approval of Minutes:
  - Minutes were approved from the October 11, 2013 Open Executive Board Meeting.
- Report of interim board votes:
  - On October 11, 2013 the Executive Board approved the payment of \$1,550 to High Voltage Entertainment for services to be performed at the Middle School Halloween Party.
  - On October 23, 2013 the Executive Board approved the payment of \$2,150 to Raindeew for the Shelter Rock School Supplies program.

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- On October 29, 2013 the Executive Board approved the payment of \$1,300 to Lovett Entertainment for services to be performed at the Munsey Park Halloween Party.
- On November 1, 2013 the Executive Board approved the payment of \$2,386.20 to Spectrum Designs for Munsey Park 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sweatshirts.

### Executive Treasurer's Report – Karen Blando

- It was noted that the bylaws require a vote by the Executive Board to approve all payments greater than \$1,000. An amendment to the bylaws is being contemplated that will maintain controls but will ease voting requirements for budgeted items in excess of \$1,000.
- Financial results as of October 31, 2013 were distributed.
- There was a typographical error on the previous months' reports. Frolic balances have been reprinted to read years 2014-2017.
- Payments have been made to Saturday Series instructors.
- Halloween as well as Homecoming expenses are being paid and can be found on the Executive Level page of the financial reports.
- The Frolic balance has increased from last month due to ticket and merchandise sales.
- Payments were made for Munsey Park school directory, Spiritwear, and school supplies.
- Payments were for Shelter Rock Extended Extras, Spiritwear, school supplies, and yearbook.

### Presidents' Reports

#### High School - Caroline Kenlon

- Homecoming Parade and Dance, thank you to Christy Wepler for chairing the dance, we had 255 students attending mostly 9th and 10th grade. We are looking to include class floats in the parade next year but will need a dedicated chairperson.
- Charity Art Auction raised \$4000 this year!
- Senior Banquet chairpersons are working around the clock to complete final details, the event is scheduled for Wednesday November 13 and promises to be a wonderful event.
- Yearbook for Seniors, today is the deadline for submitting baby ad pages, also if you would like to purchase a yearbook regardless of your child's grade, it can be done online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)
- MS/HS make-up photo day is November 12, ID's and photos should be distributed shortly.
- Varsity/JV Winter sports begin November 18, don't forget your health history forms.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Monday, November 18, online signup for Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for December 4. (Rescheduled from November 13.)
  - Tuesday November 19, MS/HS Guidance Standardized Testing Overview
  - Thursday November 21-24, High School Musical, "Legally Blonde". Tickets are available online.
  - Next Meeting January 10

#### Middle School - Michaela Sheridan

- The Secondary School Directory is at the printer and will be mailed soon.
- Spirit Day took place on Friday, October 18. Students followed an X day schedule and participated in a pep rally at the end of the school day. Spirit Day t-shirts were handed out in school the day before and the students wore them to school as part of Spirit Day
- The MS Halloween party was held on Thursday, October 31 and the students had a fantastic time. 457 students attended and were treated to music, games, and candy. Thank you to Beth Miller and her team for their tremendous effort in making this party a huge success.

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- Our last HS/MS joint parent council meeting was on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> and Ray Scalossi discussed the common core learning standards for math. This meeting was very well attended.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Parent /Teacher Conference Day Sign up starts Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm. Parents will be able to schedule conferences online using TeacherReacher. It is recommended that parents create an account prior to sign up opening. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 4.
  - HS/MS Guidance Standardized Testing Overview November 19, Black Box Theatre, 7:30 pm.
  - MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting will take place on Friday, November 7. There will be a presentation given by Theresa Curry, Science District Coordinator.
  - MS Holiday Dance is on Friday, December 6, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  - MS Holiday Concert is on Thursday December 12 at 7 pm

### Munsey Park - Liz Tomaselli

- Red Ribbon Week was held October 15-18. The theme was "Team Up Against Bullying and Drugs". The children decorated cardboard jerseys with artwork representing their thoughts and ideas about bullying and drugs. The artwork was displayed throughout the hallways of the school. The children attended a presentation as well. Thank you to Sharon Messina and Noreen LaBenne for organizing a wonderful week.
- On October 17 the In-View exam was administered to grades 4-6.
- On October 23 the MP/SR Joint Parent Council meeting was held in the Munsey Park Library. Theresa Curry, district coordinator of Science, Health and Technology for grades K-12, introduced the Science Initiative for grades 7-12. The meeting was well attended.
- On October 31 the MP Halloween Party was attended by over 250 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The Gym, Hallways, and Locker Room were transformed into a "Fright Night" that the children will not soon forget! The children had a wonderful time.
- Upcoming Events:
  - November 13: Parent Council Meeting. The topic will be Study Skills and common Core. We will have a team of teachers and dr. Kendall presenting.
  - December 11: Band Concert for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders
  - December 17: Choral Concert for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders

### Shelter Rock - Kristin Mulholland

- Photo days - Shelter Rock had successful photo days on October 8 and 9. The make-up day for photos is November 14. The children all received their photos home from Irvin Simon on October 31.
- The SCA funded the busing for field trips for Grade 6 to the Riverhead Aquarium on November 1. The SCA provided the transportation for Grade 3 students to the Planting Fields Arboretum on October 8 and 9 and for the kindergarten students to Schmitt's Farm on October 11.
- Extended Extras - The Extended Extras program is now in its fourth week. Over 100 students are currently taking classes either before or after school at Shelter Rock.
- Red Ribbon Week - Red Ribbon Week was fun and informative. The children decorated the halls of Shelter Rock with their colorful t-shirts cut-outs and saw a presentation on either bullying (Grades K-3) or cyber-bullying (Grade 4-6). Thank you to CASA and Jen Balsamo and Denise St. Jeanos for this great week.
- The Halloween party for Grades 5 and 6 was a success. The beautifully decorated gym and cafeteria were completed by dedicated volunteers under the direction of our co-chairs, Trish Kelly and Joanna Carlson.
- Upcoming Events:

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- Kids Holiday Bazaar - Our Holiday Bazaar takes place from November 22-27. The children will come to school and be able to purchase gifts for family members for the holidays. Thanks to Valerie Carillo, Teresa Cozzi, and Maria Brunetti for chairing this event. The sign up genius for volunteers for the Bazaar will be in the Shelter Rock highlights on November 10.
- The next Parent Council meeting is at Shelter Rock on November 14. There is a joint meeting with Munsey Park at Shelter Rock on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 7:30pm.

### Executive Committee Updates

#### Community Education - Mimi Donohue

- Superintendent Cardillo is hosting a carousel exercise in which he hopes to gather information to use as a blueprint for moving forward. To date, six meetings have been completed since the last SCA board meeting. They have been very well attended and a huge success with a lot of feedback received.
- The next meetings will be on November 13 at 10 am and November 20 at 7:30 pm.
- A welcome kit has been developed for new homeowners. It includes a Welcome Letter from Charlie Cardillo, SCA Membership form, voter registration form, and contact information for the SCA and the school district. Special thanks to Ann Hance and Daniel Gale for their assistance in helping to create and fund the kits.
- The Garden City PTA is working to develop a local coalition for the dissemination of information related to the common core curriculum.

#### Nominating Committee – Renee Press

- Positions to be filled: Executive Treasurer, Middle School President, Munsey Park President
- Nominating Committee Members: Shelter Rock Co-Chair Christine Arella, Shelter Rock Sitting Chair Whitney Godfrey, Munsey Park Co-Chair Mary Bellucci, Munsey Park Sitting Chair Amy Keogh, Past Executive President Christy Weppler, Shelter Rock Appointee Kate Tracy, Munsey Park Appointee Jennifer Sheerin, High School Appointee Laura Tranchina, Middle School Appointee Nancy Schlaefer, Executive Board Appointee Kristin Mullholland.

#### Project Share – Amy Hill

- Project Share is gearing up for the holidays with a Thanksgiving King Kullen Gift Card appeal.
- The Holiday Gift Giving program has started. Last year 150 wishlists were fulfilled. Donor forms were distributed last week and are due November 13.
- The Project Share Thanksgiving dinner program is underway whereby the components for a Thanksgiving dinner will be provided with help from Planet Manhasset, who will provide the produce, and Girl Scout Troop 540, which will provide baked goods.
- After the holidays, assistance with basic need items will continue as usual.

#### Board of Education – Regina Rule

- Dr. Leone has posted resources for the Common core Curriculum information and standards on the district website.
- Two weeks ago at the Board approved additional support for Integrated Algebra
- Upcoming Meetings:
- November 21 at Shelter Rock, Student recognition, salute to Superintendent Cardillo for 8 years of service, presentation of Common Core Math Program.
- December 5, Teacher evaluation presentation. The evaluation program demonstrates the ongoing commitment by the district to improve instruction in the classroom.
- Pat Aitkin – Financial Statements are available on the website.

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### **Special Presentation – Dr. Leone**

- Dr. Leone provided an overview of the 2012-2013 Manhasset testing results, which includes results from the first State assessments aligned with new Common Core learning Standards.
- A copy of this presentation is available on the District website.

### **Upcoming SCA Executive Board Meeting**

- Friday, January 10 8, 9am, Secondary School Board Room

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Jill Pullano

**SCA Executive Board Secretary**