



## **SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, November 18, 2016

**Call to Order:** 9:05am

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10am

**Officers Present:** Lisa Grygiel, Kristen Ryan, Noreen LaBenne, Leslie Fleck, Whitney Godfrey and Kathleen Broderick.

### **Executive President's Welcome – Lisa Grygiel**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **General Announcements – Lisa Grygiel**

- Thank you to everyone who attended the SCA Luncheon. Thanks to all who volunteered to help make it a great success!
- Champions for Charity, Thursday 12/1 – Sunday 12/4. Please attend the SCA's Launch Party at Tory Burch, Thursday, 12/1, 5:30-8PM
- New Publicity Chair: Laura Dworkin
- Future Openings: General Webmaster, High School Web Editor and Saturday Series Chair.

#### **Presentation of Check to SCA**

Elizabeth Johnson from the Manhasset Press presented a check to the SCA for \$477 from Anton Papers. The money was raised from a joint fundraiser between the two entities.

### **Executive Secretary's Report – Kristen Ryan (for Katie Lane)**

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2016, SCA Open Executive Board Meeting.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to pay \$360 to assist six, 6th grade students with the purchase of a year book and sweatshirt was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Saturday, October 15, 2016.
- The following student assistance payments were approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, October 18, 2016:
  - \$340 for two 6th graders to attend Saturday Series
  - \$150 for one 6th grader to attend Saturday Series
  - \$300 for five 6th grade sweatshirts
  - \$340 for a 1st grader and 3rd grader to attend Saturday Series
  - \$380 for a 6th grader to attend Saturday Series

- \$340 for a 2nd grader to attend Saturday Series
  - \$190 for a 4th grader to attend Saturday Series
  - \$300 for a 2nd grader to attend Saturday Series
- The proposal to pay \$3,332.94 to Spectrum for the purchase of Munsey Park Sixth Grade sweatshirts was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.
  - The proposal to pay \$3,316.14 to Entourage to purchase 6th grade yearbooks was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, October 24, 2016.
  - The proposal to pay \$2,880 to Dina Merolesi, Shelter Rock Computer Lab teacher, for teaching 3 Fall Extended Extras classes was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, October 26 2016.
  - The proposal to pay \$418 to the MSCA class of 2017 for 11 students to attend the senior banquet was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Saturday, November 5, 2016.

### **Treasurer's Report – Kathleen Broderick**

- Financial results as of October 31, 2016 are available for your review. There are copies in the back for anyone that needs.
- I am happy to report, as of yesterday, we have deposited over \$32,000 in membership dues and although the pace has slowed we are still receiving checks.
- Saturday Series is running ahead of plan, with revenue of \$57k. We have paid half of the salaries, with the remainder to be paid upon completion.
- Spirit Wear sales at the elementary open houses did very well this year with Munsey Park sales over \$10k and Shelter Rock almost \$8k in revenue.
- Shelter Rock Extended Extras enrollment fees were 3K higher this fall compared to last year.
- Munsey Park and Shelter Rock's yearbook and 6<sup>th</sup> grade sweatshirts have been paid.
- I would like to remind everyone that the SCA is a 501© (3) tax exempt entity and we are not required to pay sales tax. If you are making any purchases on behalf of the SCA please be sure to use our EXEMPT PURCHASE CERTIFICATE. I have copies if anyone needs.

### **President's Reports**

#### **High School – Jeanette Reilly**

- On Saturday, October 22, the MHS Indian Marching Band & Color Guard won their 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive NY State Championship! The group also received awards for best percussion, best music, best visual effect, best color guard, and best overall effect. Our sincere congratulations to our students and to the marching band staff:  
 Director - Mr. Knudsen  
 Assistant Director – Mr. Van Boxel  
 Instructor – Mr. Minaya  
 Color Guard Instructor – Mrs. Baskin
- The High School Musical this year is, “The Drowsy Chaperone.” Last night was the first audience performance and the production offered reduced seating to senior citizens. The remaining performances are:

tonight, Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. There are links to purchase tickets on the SCA Website, the weekly SCA Highlights and the District email blasts.

- The Senior Banquet took place on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Leonard's of Great Neck. A very special thank to Co-chairs Maria Frankis and Marilena Katopodis, and the fabulous Banquet committee, for planning a wonderful night for the Class of 2017 and their parents! As usual, the highlight of the night was the Photo Montage – a true labor of love – and an unforgettable trip down memory lane for all attendees. Thank you to Carol Conner, Gina Love, Cathy McAree and Kathy Barry for putting together a visual and musical masterpiece!!
- And, breaking news... the SCA Directory is finally at the printer! You will be receiving your copy in the mail shortly!

### **Middle School – Whitney Godfrey**

- The Food Drive is still going on, until 11/22 - The food drive is to benefit the Island Harvest Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable goods, as well as monetary donations, can be dropped at several different locations: MS Main Entrance, Outside the Auditorium, the Cafeteria Annex, Outside the Gym, or outside Mr. Shapiro's room #266.
- The MS Yearbook is looking for Fall Sports Team photos. This includes and posed photos, as well as action shots. Please send them directly to Lori Pellegrino:  
[Lori\\_Pellegrino@manhassetsschools.org](mailto:Lori_Pellegrino@manhassetsschools.org)
- Photo Re-Take Day - 10/20 - Any student who missed photo day or wanted to retake their photo, did so on that day. Irvin Simon emails went out to all parents asking that photos be purchased online by 11/17. I only received one complaint from a parent regarding her child's photo, and Irvin Simon rectified it on their own in a timely and professional manner.
- Halloween Party - 10/31 - Renee DiGirolomo and Sue Silvia put together an absolutely incredible night for the Middle School students. There was something for all, including, a photo booth, selfie station, guessing games, lounge area for food and hanging out, arcade-style games, and, of course, a DJ. There were 301 students in attendance, 214 7th graders (79% of the class), and 87 8th graders (33% of class). Renee and Sue have completed their SCA Event Summary, and were able to store most of the decorations in the Halloween Closet to be used again next year. No problems or complaints have been brought to our attention regarding the party itself or regarding student behavior or otherwise.
- Secondary School Directory - 11/14 - As of Monday, 11/14, the Secondary School Directory has been completed, proofed, and sent to print at MinuteMan. They will be sending the directories (one per household) out directly from MinuteMan via snail mail. Extra copies are being obtained for the Board of Education, Superintendent, Main Office, and extra copies for any family who did not receive one, or moved into the district (these will be in Dean's Office).
- Colon Cancer Research Pins - 11/16 - Jeannette and I had a conversation with Dean about selling Colon Cancer Research pins in conjunction with the Key Club. The SCA will be taking 75 pins to sell at \$5 apiece. All funds raised by the Key Club will go to Colon Cancer Research.
- Basketball Bash - 12/9 - Planning is underway for the Middle School Basketball Bash! Students will meet in the cafeteria to check in and have pizza/water at 6:00. They will be chaperoned to the gymnasium, where a section will be blocked off for them, in time for the 7pm Varsity Boys' Basketball Game. The Student Government will be making posters and daily announcements at school. Information will be going into the Highlights and sent via Grade Level Chairs.

### **Munsey Park – Noreen LaBenne**

- On October 19, author Suzy Kline visited with the Second Graders at Munsey Park.
- On November 1, author David Adler visited with the Third Graders at Munsey Park.
- Halloween Party - The evening of Monday, October 31, the SCA hosted a 5th and 6th grade Halloween Party. The party was well attended and everyone had a great time!  
Thank you to Melissa Chiovitti, Jennifer Giordano, Amy Nass- 6th Grade Chairs and Michelle Collins and Kimberly Gordon- 5th Grade Chairs
- Xtended Xtras - Our Xtended Xtras program began the week of October 25. This year we are offering 9 classes including: Bookworms, Cheerleading, Spanish for Beginners, Legos, Science Club, Sports and Games, Kindness Club, Sports Debate, Coding. Thank you to Nevine Shahine and Christine Vitols for coordinating Xtended Xtras.
- Red Ribbon Week - Red Ribbon Week was the week of October 24. On Tuesday October 25 in the evening and Wednesday, October 26 in the morning at the SCA Joint Parent Council Meeting- Kim Fanter led a discussion on The Keys to Effective Parenting. Thank you to Kristen Kaping and Kerry Pasquale for co-chairing Red Ribbon Week.
- Math Meeting - On Friday, November 4, Ray Scacalossi presented an overview of the Grade 5 and 6 mathematics program. The program was attended by approximately 45 parents. We will have another Math presentation in May.
- Foreign Language - On Tuesday, October 25, Dr. Charlie Leone and Laurie Lauria shared a presentation with the 5th and 6th grade level chairs from Munsey Park and Shelter Rock. The presentation provided information on the possibility of introducing some type of foreign language in the 6th grade.
- Z Space Mobile Classroom - On Wednesday, November 9, I attended a demonstration of the Z Space Mobile Classroom. The mobile classroom contained computer stations that project 3D images when students put on special 3D glasses.
- Photo Retake - November 9 - Thank you Missy Leder and AmyKeogh.

### **Shelter Rock – Leslie Fleck.**

- Our joint meeting was on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at Shelter Rock. The SCA partnered with CASA to present Kim Fanter to our parents. Kim discussed “The Keys to Effective Parenting”. The meeting was well attended.
- Red Ribbon Week - RRW was October 23-30. Thank you to Monita Mendiratta and Rachael Bilello for chairing this important event.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Halloween Party - The party was Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. Thank you to Joanna Carlson and Val Bebbler (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Maria Aydag and Anne Chun (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) for chairing. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students had a wonderful time thanks to all of their hard work.
- SCA Luncheon - The luncheon was November 16<sup>th</sup>. We had many generous donations and a great turnout this year.
- Directory - Thank you to Tara LaSalle for all of her hard work on the Shelter Rock directory.
- Math Meeting - This year the district and the SCA decided to add another math meeting to the calendar. On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Ray Scacalossi spoke about the elementary math program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. About 45 parents attended the meeting.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Parent/Teacher Conference Days K-6 - November 21 and December 2-No school for students.
- SR 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Holiday Choral Concert - December 14 at 7:30pm at MP
- SR 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Holiday Concert - December 16 at 9:15am at SR
- SR Band/Orchestra Holiday Concert - December 20 at 7:30pm at SR
- Guess Who's Coming to Read - January 25

### **Executive Committee Updates - Lisa Grygiel**

- *Enrichment committee*
  - First Grade @ SR: Science Museum of Long Island: Amphibians and Reptiles
  - Second Grade: Suzy Kline
  - Third Grade: David Adler
  - Fourth Grade @ SR: Journey into American Indian Territory
- *Family Theatre*
  - Tickets will be going on sale for "Pete the Cat" soon. The play will be held on Saturday, 12/3, 2pm
- *Saturday Series*
  - Fall session ends on Saturday, 12/10.
  - Musical Theatre performance of **Aladdin** on Sat, 12/10, 2pm, SR Auditorium.
  - We are still looking for two new people to come in and shadow the existing chairs. Please let us know if you're interested.
- *Project Share*
  - The Holiday Gift Giving Program

### **CASA Update – Caryn Sawyer**

- Caryn introduced Jennifer DeSena who will be taking over as Executive Director of CASA.
- Several recent programs have been well attended including the Drug Trends & Young People presentation and Internet Safety Program.
- As in the past, CASA will be holding a fundraiser at Chocolate Works following the holiday concerts at the elementary schools.
- Upcoming CASA coffee at Zari Ginsburg's house on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m to discuss the social scene and alcohol.
- In January there will be a terrific presentation to grades 9-12 called "Surviving the Party."
- Steven Dewey will also be returning in January.

### **Superintendent's Update – Charlie Cardiollo**

- Construction is underway and is moving along well.
- Please be sure to check out information on the BOE website, including the terrific presentation on Course Gap Analysis.

### **Board of Education Update – Regina Rule and Pat Aitken**

The BOE is reaching out to all members of the Manhasset Community to help participate in the search process for a new superintendent. Please participate! You may attend one of the various meetings with the search firm – all dates and times are posted on the BOE website - or complete the online survey. Please participate in the process!!

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Lane  
SCA Executive Board Secretary