



SCA Open Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 1, 2019

Call to Order: 9:03 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 9:51AM

Officers Present: Cathy Conniff and Leslie Fleck, Executive Co-Presidents
Janet Diaso, High School President
Michele Longobardi, Middle School President
Christine Schwartz, Munsey Park President
Anna Oncel, Shelter Rock President
Jill Pullano, Executive Treasurer
Christine Shah, Executive Secretary

SCA Executive President's Welcome – Cathy Conniff and Leslie Fleck

Pledge of Allegiance

General Announcements: SCA Luncheon 11/13/19
Champions for Charity – 12/5/19-12/7/19
Kick-Off at Blue Mercury – 12/5/19, exact time to be determined

Executive Committee Updates: Family Theatre Presentation
The Velveteen Rabbit, 11/23/19, 2pm @MP
Saturday Series – Fall Session ends – 11/23/19
Musical theatre Presentation, 12/7/19, 2pm @SR

SCA Executive Treasurer's Report – Jill Pullano

- The Membership drive is under way. An initial deposit of approximately \$10,000 has been made.
- Expenses for the Halloween Parties are coming in. Please be sure to submit any outstanding expenses as soon as possible.
- Saturday Series is starting up. We are awaiting the deposit for enrollment fees. The first half of the instructional fees have been paid totaling almost \$15,000.
- Expenses related to the School Supplies fundraiser for Munsey Park and Shelter Rock have been paid. MP had proceeds of \$792 and SR had proceeds of \$564.

SCA Executive Secretary's Report – N. Christine Shah

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2019 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting. Motion approved on Friday, November 1, 2019.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to pay \$2,595.00 to Just the Write Touch for the SCA Fall Luncheon invitations, and addressing and mailing invitations has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, October 16, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$300.00 in Student Assistance for 5 students for the Munsey Park Yearbook/Sweatshirt has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Sunday, October 20, 2019.

- The proposal to pay \$2,100.00 to SCOPE for Student Assistance for Summer Center 2019 for 4 Munsey Park and 4 Shelter Rock Elementary School students has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Sunday, October 20, 2019.
- The proposal to pay the Manhasset School District for BOCES Project Adventure for Shelter Rock Elementary School 5th grade students in the amount of \$3,160.00 and for Munsey Park Elementary School 5th graders in the amount of \$4,345.00 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$460.00 in High School Student Assistance for 4 students to attend the Class of 2020 Senior Banquet has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Monday, October 28, 2019.

SCA High School President's Report – Janet Diaso

Last call for donations for the Senior Banquet... It will be held at Leonard's on Monday night, November 4th at 6:30pm. Please contact co-chairs Annie Vetrone or Lori Kearns if you wish to volunteer or donate.

11th grade parent night will be held on Thursday, November 7th in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 pm. Parents who cannot attend can obtain all information from the guidance website.

Art For a Cure charity auction was held on October 22nd and was a great success. The auction raised \$1300 for the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer.

The High School Art Gallery exhibit "**Common Threads**" – the **Artwork of Jane Breskin Zalben** is currently on display until November 24th. Ms. Zalben is an award- winning children's author, painter and illustrator. On October 10th, Ms. Zalben attended the exhibit opening and book signing and it was very well-received.

Tickets for the High School musical, "Grease" will go on sale next week. Keep an eye out for an email with the link to purchase tickets. Performances will be from Thursday, November 21st through Sunday, the 24th.

The High School Community Service Fair was held on October 16th. The SCA had many sign-ups and all the other represented organizations were pretty much full by the time the fair ended.

The CASA presentation, "What Made Maddy Run?" was held at the High School on October 24th. We want to thank all of the coaches and teachers who encouraged the students to come hear the important lessons about mental health and social media.

Looking ahead to January, The Frosh/Soph Dance will be on Friday, January 10th from 8-10pm at North Hempstead Country Club. It is a combination dance for both the Freshman and Sophomores classes. Light refreshments and a DJ will be provided. It is not a "date" dance. No outside guests are permitted. Tickets will be sold at school in early January.

The SCA has scheduled Terence Houlihan as the speaker for our evening meeting on Wednesday, February 5th. His presentation "Timely Tips For Parenting Your Teenager" will be held at 7:30pm in the High School auditorium. For almost 25 years, Mr. Houlihan has worked with adolescents as a teacher, counselor and administrator. We look forward hosting him.

Next meeting Friday, January 10th

SCA Middle School President's Report – Michele Longobardi

- **HS Community Service Fair 10/17/19**

Michele Longobardi represented the SCA at this HS Community Service Fair. There were a few SCA volunteer sign-up sheets for the event. Saturday Series, Community Gardens and MS Halloween Party volunteers were needed, and many kids signed up!

- **MS Halloween Party 10/31/19**

Lisa Russell and Michele Longobardi Co-Chaired this event since no other community member volunteered for the chair position. 188 kids showed up 160 -7th graders and 28- 8th graders.

DJ / Photo Booth and Great Neck Games were booked again, same as last year. Menu was Villa Milano pizza and Dominick's chicken. Halloween décor was all that is in the closet with the addition of balloons and café set up.

- **SCA Secondary School Directory**

Form Deadline for ALL 7th graders, and all other grades new students, any updates or changes was last Friday, October 25, 2019. Lisa Russell and Michele Longobardi will meet with the Secondary School directory chair Penny Stefanakis on November 4th to double check the entries against the sheets received, and then the directory will be printed and mailed as soon as we are able.

- **SCA Staff Appreciation Luncheon 05/13/20**

Lucy Choy and Joy Sargent are chairing the event as their swan song. They mentioned East meets West and Chinese food as the theme. Let's try and find two people to shadow them and take over this wonderful event next year and so on.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Fundraiser Dance 3/20/20**

Michele Longobardi and Lisa Russell will plan with Eric Shapiro and MS Student Council. Mr. Shapiro was thinking of hiring an "Escape the Room" company but we need to look into the cost.

Mr. Shapiro and the MS Student Council will choose the recipient of the funds and be in charge of raising the money.

Munsey Park President's Report – Christine Schwartz

5th & 6th Grade Halloween Party

Munsey Park hosted the 5th & 6th grade Halloween party on Friday, October 25th. It was very successfully attended, and as always, the kids had a blast! From the artistic masterpiece of an intricate haunted house to the carnival games, DJ, pizza, and desserts, the kids were busy the entire two hours. Many thanks to our chairs Jill Della Ratta and Dina Petrakis for 6th and Libby Doumanis and Georgia Katsoulis for 5th for coordinating this massive event.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Munsey Park held its 2nd Annual Pumpkin Decorating contest on Halloween. There was an adorable and very creative display of decorated pumpkins. Coach Muller and Mrs. Goldberg coordinated the judging. Parent volunteers Maria Herrington and Jodi DiTore helped receive and organize the pumpkins by grade. Many classes made special trips to visit the pumpkin display. It made for a festive Halloween!

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week took place the week of October 21-25th. This year's theme was ***Send a Message, Make it Kind***. Thank you to chairs Carolyn Conkling and Veera Purani for decorating our school inside and out. The hallway bulletin boards were filled with messages and drawings of kindness, as all children were encouraged to Send a Message, Make it Kind.

Our **Joint Parent Council meeting** took place on October 23nd at Munsey Park. Katie Schumacher of “Don’t Press Send” delivered a powerful and very realistic presentation on the challenges of raising children in our digital world. She spoke on safety, kindness, and working together as a community to encourage positive and age-appropriate online behavior.

Presentations for the students took place on Thursday, October 24th. The K-2 presentation was Cultivating Kindness, Rees Specht Life Foundation where children were encouraged to plant the seeds of kindness and pay it forward using kindness. The 3-6th grade presentation was Katie Schumacher of “Don’t Press Send” where children were encouraged to use kind and careful online communication. Many thanks to CASA for bringing these wonderful speakers to our schools and to CASA Project Director and Munsey Park parent, Connie Bruno who has been terrific coordinating and helping organize all that goes into this important week.

Enrichment Programs at Munsey Park during October

5th Grade visited BOCES Outdoor Education Center, Project Adventure on October 17th

Upcoming Events:

- **MP Book Week** will take place the week of November 18th. Grades K-3 will have guest readers and parents dressing up as literary characters to surprise the classes. Mercy Watson, Martha, Arnie the Donut, and Bad Kitty will be the guests of honor this year. Grades 4/5 will partake in a game of literary Pictionary in the libraries with parent volunteers to assist. Co- chairs Tara Gibbs and Jean Hogan have been busy planning this fun event alongside our librarian, Mrs. Olwy.
- Munsey Park Photos Retake Day is November 14th.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 25th and December 6th.

Munsey Park Holiday Concert Dates are as follows:

- Band/Orchestra Concert will be December 8th at 7:30pm.
- 5th & 6th Grade Chorus Concert will be December 17th at 7:30pm.
- 4th Grade Chorus Concert will be December 19th at 9:15am.

Enrichment Program:

- 3rd grade receives a visit from author Shana Corey on November 8th.
- 2nd grade receives a visit from author Suzy Kline on November 13th.
- 4th grade receives a visit from Journeys Into American Indian Territory on November 21 and 22nd.

Shelter Rock President’s Report – Anna Oncel

5/6th Grade Halloween Party

Talar Aprahamian & Stacey Kelly (5th Grade) and Sabrina Scheer & Markella Maliagros (6th Grade) chaired a fabulous event. The party took place on Friday, October 25 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The party was a wonderful event for all that attended. The kids played games, enjoyed the DJ and Photo Booth and made memories that last a lifetime.

MP/SR Joint Parent Council Meeting

On October 23, a Joint Parent Council Meeting was held at Munsey Park at 9:30 am. Katie Schumacher of Don’t Press Send spoke to the Manhasset Elementary parents. – “An Education in Cyber Civics”. We hope that together the Don’t Press Send Campaign and parents can create a cyber community for each child to learn safety and kindness while they are using technology. Parents were actively involved asking many of their own questions.

Red Ribbon Week

- Red Ribbon Week ran from October 21-25th. The event, chaired by Elena Vases and Marietta Frangiskatos included two programs for Shelter Rock Students on Thursday, October 24
- Grades K through 2nd grade attended an assembly on Cultivating Kindness, Rees Specht Life Foundation!
- Grades 3-6 grade presentation is Don't Press Send where children will be given guidelines and strategies to educate and to use technology with good intent.
- The programs were very well received by the children and they learned a lot from it.

Enrichment Programs at Shelter Rock in October:

There was three SCA sponsored enrichment programs at Shelter Rock during the month of October. All programs were interesting and engaging and very much enjoyed and appreciated by the children.

- Fourth Grade- Journeys into American Indian Territory October 10 and 11
- Fifth Grade- Project Adventure on October 17
- First Grade – Long Island Science Museum Reptiles and Amphibians on October 30

Upcoming Events:

Photo Day Retake:

November 13

Parent Teacher Conference:

November 25 and December 6

SR Holiday Concerts

5-6 Choral Concert – December 10 at 7:30 pm

4th Grade Concert- December 13 at 9:15 am

Band/Orchestra Concert -December 17 at 7:30 pm

Enrichment Program

Grade 4 Brenner's Farm Colonial Art on November 6th

Grade 3 Shana Corey on November 8th

Grade 2 Suzy Kline on November 13th

Grade 5 Birds of Prey on December 20th

CASA Update – Jennifer DeSena and Connie Bruno:

CASA Sector Meeting and Harlem Wizards school visits went very well. The Wizards were very well received. The scheduled events for Red Ribbon Week went well and were very informative. Rich Spect did a great job on the student presentations in getting across the message of spreading kindness. The presentation "What Made Maddy Run?," which was a presentation about a young college student that died by suicide, and her sister came to speak here in Manhasset.

Friday, November 1, 2019, the Harlem Wizards will be playing against a team of Manhasset elementary school teachers and staff. This initiative's goal is to build a sense of community and school, and research shows that it is important to build this bond early and continue to reinforce this message.

Monday, November 18th at 10:30 am there will be a book discussion at the Manhasset Public Library about "What Made Maddy Run?" that will be open to the community. The library will have extra books on hand for people that attend.

ChalkOut was a great success, where kids and staff of the Set Connect Club came to school early one morning along with the School Psychologist and other school staff members to write inspirational,

positive messages for the students of Manhasset Secondary School. The positive messages were written in chalk all over entry way, sidewalk and roadway to the secondary school.

Board of Education Update – Christine Monterosso, BOE Vice President

- Tenure celebration for 9 tenured teachers was recently held and the meeting was started with a video of the ChalkOut event, which was a great way to start such a meeting.
- Bids are being gathered for the asphalt project.
- There will be a meeting on November 26, 2019 to discuss the Accelerated Programs offered in the Manhasset School District.
- This Thursday's board of education meeting will be at Shelter Rock Elementary School to honor student accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Christine Shah

SCA Executive Board Secretary