

The 1st PTA meeting of the school year took place on September 3, 2008. It began at 8:35.

In attendance were Heather Milata, Gail Whelan, Bill Robinson, Barbara Dorcean, Carol Cannova, Lisa Benevento, Joselyn Smith- Greene , Darlene Guglielmetti and Ms. Steppel.

Heather had good news to share. The school budget cuts from last year were reversed and all the money was restored to the budget. Ms.Steppel also received a \$100,000 grant from David Weprin which will be used to update the computer room. The present computers are about 7 years old and the computer room will now be getting new ones.

The Pta gave \$3500 towards the senior trip last year, which was not all used. Therefore this year the PTA will only be giving the difference. We will need Ms. Steppel to verify the amount.

Another matter that was discussed was the construction currently taking place around the school. Gail said that she attended a meeting with Ms. Steppel over the summer to try to get answers about it and they received no information about when it will actually start or end. It was a bureaucratic run around. The outside construction also coincides with the new auditorium construction which raises concerns due to the fact that the PTA uses the auditorium for many things throughout the year. There seems to be questions about whether or not The Talent Show will take place this year. To start with there is no one to run it because Charles **Caraciollo's** children no longer attend P.S. 133. So everyone needs to put feelers out for someone to take his place. Also if the auditorium is under construction there needs to be an alternate space. Possibly one of the other schools would let us use their space. Barbara Dorcean said once we get a new coordinator we can ask around the local schools. Heather stressed concern that once it is gone for one year there is a chance it will never come back. It is also not fair to the current graduates to lose out on the last year's performance. There was a question as to whether it could take place earlier in the year but it is usually done after all the testing. **Members of the board need to find someone to run the show. Then, perhaps, we can ask another school for space.**

International night would also be in question because even if the cafeteria is used for the food there are performances that usually take place on the stage.

The welcome back breakfast was discussed which will take place this Friday September 5, 2008. It was decided that there would be bagels, orange juice, apple juice, munchkins, coffee and fruit salad. Gail Whelan has made sign up sheets for the parents to volunteer at the different events that the PTA runs throughout the year. She will explain the events and the volunteer opportunities. She also wants to introduce the board so that if any parents have any questions, comments or problems they will already be familiar with the board members. **Gail made sign up sheets for volunteers and will introduce the board.**

There will be a new company taking school photos this year. It is Irvin Simon, a local company based out of Elmont. Heather, Gail and Joselyn have agreed to help out on picture day.

The fall fundraiser will kick-off September 22 and end October 6. There will be an assembly to start it off.

Barbara Dorcean will run the school store again on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 to 8:20 am.

Movie night will most likely be November 21st.

The next few board meetings will be at 8:20 on the following dates:

October 8, 2008

November 12, 2008

December 10, 2008

January 7, 2008

The Pta General Membership meetings will be at 7pm:

October 16th (Gail is trying to get a rep from Girl and Boy Scouts to speak at the meeting),

November 13th and

December 11th.

The board voted to increase the teachers stipend from \$40 to \$50.

Ms. Steppel was pleased with the start of the school year. Dismissal seemed to go smoothly. She expressed concern that since Kindergarten will be getting dismissed from the front of the building there will be a tendency for new parents to park in No Standing Zones. She would like to get word out to avoid this from happening. There were also some parents allowing their children to cross in the middle of the block so we should caution against this. There will be a meeting for the 5th Grade committee on October 6, 2008. Ms. Steppel also informed everyone that over the summer one of the students from our school was riding a bicycle and was hit by a car and died as a result of his injuries. His sister is still attending the school. The school has a support team for her as well as any other children who are sad or grieving about this or anything else. The book fair will probably be open school week Nov 10 -17 the details are being worked out.