



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2013

Call to Order: 9:45 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 a.m.

Officers Present: Christy Weppler, Lori Downey, Lisa Belinsky, Michaela Sheridan, Nancy Schlaefer, Liz Tomaselli, Elizabeth Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

SCA Executive President's Welcome – Christy Weppler

- Christy welcomed everyone noting that so much has happened in and out of Manhasset since the last time we came together in October. She mentioned that the Manhasset Sandy Fund had 11 different Manhasset teachers/administrators affected by Sandy. So far, each has been given a check for \$600. With that money people have gotten a new boiler, a new couch, taken care of electrical and plumbing bills. One person even returned the money and said to use it for someone who had greater needs than they did.

Approval of Minutes

Nancy Schlaefer made a motion to approve the minutes and Michaela Sheridan seconded it. The October 12, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Johnson

- Matching Gifts- there was a total of \$650 in corporate matching gifts to the SCA
- Wells Fargo Accounts-A CD account at Wells Fargo was set up several years ago when the SCA was diversifying. The rate now is not advantageous so we broke it up and put it into a higher interest savings account without incurring any penalties.
- Establishment of Frolic Garden Maintenance for Class of 2012- with the leftover funds the Class of 2012 Frolic has set up an account to take care of the Frolic Garden for as long as that money lasts
- Check reimbursement policy: Numerous individuals who requested checks issued as rush failed to pick up checks which remained uncollected for several weeks causing delay of payment to vendor. **New Check Policy:** All SCA payment/reimbursement checks will be **mailed** directly to the vendor or requestor. No exceptions.
- Carlo Prinzo asked if the Frolic Accounts were school accounts. Lisa Belinsky explained that they are not. The class advisors are in charge of their own school accounts for when a particular

grade has expenses they need to incur. The Frolic accounts are an SCA account separate from the main SCA funds. The Frolic account is one account broken down by current year and the three subsequent upcoming Frolic years and future frolics account. Records are kept by the SCA Executive Treasurer. Carlo Prinzo raised a question about accounts going back many years for the Frolic. Elizabeth explained the only accounts currently in existence are Class of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and one for future Frolics that is used for ongoing expenses like replacing floor or fireproofing the ceiling. The remainder of Class of 2012 Frolic Fund will be transferred to the Frolic Garden Maintenance Fund.

Executive Vice President – Lori Downey

- Lori reported that the SCA won the award for the most participation of any other charity through the Lord and Taylor fundraiser. Because of that we made \$2,500.
- The SCA participated in Champions for Charity, but that figure won't be known for a while.

President's Reports

Lisa Belinsky – High School

- Our last Parent Council meeting was Friday, November 16th and our guest speaker was Ed Vasta, President of the Manhasset Education Association. He shared the view from the Teacher's Union that they have worked in concert with the administration and are in support of the APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review) that's now in place. He wanted to assure parents that there isn't the controversy here in Manhasset that you read in the papers is happening in some districts. On behalf of the SCA, we thanked him for all the volunteer efforts the staff made in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Even though some had experienced devastation themselves the teachers came in early mornings and stayed into the evenings to staff library, cafeteria, and math labs so students who might not have had heat or light at home, had a home here.
- The Musical Gypsy came to the HS December 6 through 8th. As usual, it was a fabulous performance and showed all the hard work the crew and performers put in. Even with the upheaval of Sandy they pulled it off. Holiday concerts happened as well and brought a great start to the Holiday season.
- I want to extend a big thank you to Monica Zenobio and Lisa Middleton, who once again were the coordinators for the secondary school Project Share Holiday gift program. They spent hours tirelessly making sure that families and children that might have had very little this holiday, had a bit more. This year the Munsey Park Auditorium was used as the distribution site for families. I was able to be there to help organize the entire interior of the gym as it held items for about 28 families—it was quite a sight. The families picking up were quite pleased

coming here instead of the EOC. They didn't have to make it up the steps holding young children or carriages. The social workers did all the distribution.

- Last Friday the SCA coordinated a first time event at the HS. In past years MHS Graduates who are now freshmen in college come back to talk to the current HS Seniors. They did that and it went great. I asked Jane Grappone if this year we could let the parents have their own time with the college students and helped coordinate this. It went extremely well, with a great turnout. The students were candid, funny and presented the parents with the knowledge that their students will do well wherever they end up in college.
- This week the start to the HS Social season starts with the Frosh this Saturday evening (tomorrow). I want to thank GLC's Lauren Barrett and Monica Zenobio for staffing the ticket sales yesterday and today. Class Advisor Jasmine Plaza is working with the decorating company D and S to create a compelling atmosphere for the students. Beth Miller and I have the pleasure of chaperoning.
- HS students will have a regular school week during the week of January 21st, as opposed to the midterms on the school calendar. This was done to recover valuable class time lost during Hurricane Sandy.
- We were approached by the Guidance office, specifically Jen Landman and Danielle Cerulli, who are coordinating the 11th grade Mock Interview session on Wednesday night February 27th from 6:30-9:30 pm. Any parents at any school that have experience with interviewing are graciously asked to donate their time. It's a fulfilling experience for the adults, as well as for the juniors who are looking to acquire skills to interview for colleges or summer jobs. The number of students that can be interviewed is a direct result of the number of interviewers that we have, so please see me or contact those guidance counselors directly.

Michaela Sheridan – Middle School

- The HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting was on November 16. The meeting was very well attended it was the first meeting after Hurricane Sandy. Parents wanted to know when and how the district was going to make up the days missed by Hurricane Sandy. Also Ed Vasta spoke about the APPR.
- The MS Holiday dance originally scheduled for Friday December 7 was cancelled due to the date change of the HS musical. We felt it was important to encourage the students to support the Arts. We decided to reserve the balcony for MS students to watch the HS musical. The SCA provided snacks and the students were able to purchase the tickets at a discounted price. This event was well attended. Thank you to Renee Press for providing the snacks.
- The MS play originally scheduled for December 14 and 15th has been rescheduled to February 1st and 2nd.

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- The MS held their Holiday Concerts in December. They were fabulous. Congratulations to the Music Department. The auditorium looked very festive with lights and the music selections were great.
- The SCA MS Speaker's Bureau brought in author Madeline Herlong on Friday January 4. The students who read "Buddy" loved meeting her and enjoyed her presentation.
- The 8th Grade Parent meeting was held on January 9. District coordinators discussed curriculum and possible course selections for 9th grade. There was a very informative power point presentation which explained the selections. The meeting was well attended. Students will receive the High School Course Catalog in their health classes on January 10 and January 11. They will have an assembly on January 15 and they will hand in their selections later that day.
- The MS "Above the Influence" dance is Friday, January 11. Thanks to CASA's generous sponsorship of a DJ and a Photo Booth, children will be able to take unlimited photos with their friends and dance the night away. The suggested admission is \$5 which will be donated to the MS SCA. Daniel Gale has generously donated the waters for the event. Thank you to CASA for partnering with the MS and bringing a fun event to the students with a powerful message.
- The MS/HS Joint Parent Council meeting scheduled for January 16 has been cancelled. We want the Parents to come out and support the Rosalind Weisman presentation January 29th.
- Middle School students will have regular scheduled classes the week of January 22-January 25 instead of midterms to make up for instructional time missed during Hurricane Sandy.
- The MS Valentine's Day Dance will be held on Friday, February 8. The proceeds from this dance will be donated to Neil's Wheels.

Nancy Schlaefer – Shelter Rock

- Shelter Rock hosted its third annual Kids Holiday Bazaar from Monday, November 26 through Wednesday, November 28. Again it was big success. The children were so excited to shop for family presents. Thanks to the many, many volunteers who spent hours wrapping and selling. Also, thanks to our chairs, Valerie Carillo, Maria Brunetti and Teresa Cozzi for tirelessly working day in and day out all week.
- Holiday Support Staff Luncheon was held on December 12. This year, our 6th grade parents Lisa Troia, Patrice Leone and Ruth Geismar greeted and served our staff. It was a warm and very intimate luncheon and appreciated by those who attended.
- Holiday Gift Program – Nancy Lefkowitz, Claudine Welti, and Tara LaSalle helped organize this program for Shelter Rock. Thanks to them and to Project Share for all their efforts during this busy time of year.

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- In View Parent meeting was held at Shelter Rock on December 12 – well attended and many questions.
- Holiday Concerts were beautifully done. When the 6th graders sang 'Believe' from the Polar Express, I could see tears across the room. Thank you to Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Faltings, Ms. Fabian, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Capodicasa and Mr. Gleason.
- Winter Extended Extras begins next week – in addition to our Languages, we will be offering our popular classes CW, Study Skills and Chess. We also will be introducing a few new classes – Fun with Physics, Prove it! And Book a Trip (Mrs. Roland focuses on geography and countries for 3rd graders, sort of like "where in the world is.....". Classes begin next week and will run for 8 weeks.
- Guess Who is Coming to Read is on January 23 and is being chaired by Gena Scotto and Andrea Girard. We have some new speakers coming to read to our K-3 classrooms including High School baseball Coach Brian Corbo, dancer Patti Ann Reilly, and hockey player Will Sylvia. Some repeating notables: Nassau County Legislator Judi Bosworth, Superintendent Charlie Cardillo, Administrator Anthony Ambrogio, and Elaine Phillips, Mayor of Flower Hill and martial arts instructor.
- Halloween party was canceled due to the storm, but will be replaced by a Winter Costume Ball to be held on Friday, February 8. Half of the Halloween budget will be transferred over the Hurricane Sandy Fund. We will have a similar format as the Halloween, but more low-key and no Spook walk. We hope to donate nearly half of the budget to the Relief Fund. Thank you to the 5 & 6th graders for being patient and understanding and for this contribution.
- Thank you also to Fay Panteloganis and Alexandra Colombos for a successful SCA Luncheon.

Liz Tomaselli – Munsey Park

- In-View Assessment testing for grades 4, 5, and 6 were administered on October 18.
- Our Annual Halloween party was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy and the subsequent snowstorm. We have rescheduled this event for Feb 8th and have renamed it a Costume Ball.
- Munsey Park will be holding a Study Skills meeting for all parents on January 23 at 9:30am. We will have a panel of 6 Munsey Park teachers who will share ideas and skills to help our children develop and keep good study habits.
- District's Early Dismissal drill on November 21 went smoothly and without incident
- Parent Teacher Conference date was on December 5 only. MP teaching staff was very helpful in accommodating all parents for their conferences.
- The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Band, Orchestra, and Choral concerts were well attended and enjoyed by all. The children did a beautiful job. Kudos to the Music teachers for working so hard

to have the children prepared for their concerts. Due to all of the missed school days, this was no easy task!

- Our annual "Fall" luncheon was held on January 9th. It was a lovely day enjoyed by everyone. I even heard buzz about having the event this time of year in the future.
- Kindergarten Registration will take place on January 16 and January 24.
- Saturday Series will once again be underway thanks to our volunteers who have risen to the task: Sheila Riley, Melissa Chiovitti, Jill McCarney and Dana McCarney.
- Guess Who's Coming to Read? Will take place on January 25th. The children are always very excited to meet their guest reader!
- Our Book Fair will be held the week of March 4th.
- Munsey Park, as well as the other schools, has been holding many meetings to address Security concerns. This is and will continue to be an ongoing process. We are addressing parents as needed and await further communication from Mr. Cardillo.

SCA Committee Chairs

Nominating Committee – Lauren Barrett

- Lauren reported that she has a good committee in place and they will start meetings the week of January 14th. The committee is looking to replace the Executive President, High School President, Shelter Rock President and Executive Secretary. Everyone is encouraged to put forth names, whether it's themselves or anyone else (they don't have to tell the person they nominated them.)

ByLaws – Chris Whitaker

- Christy reported that the Bylaws Revisions committee is almost done. They should have their final reading on January 17th. It's not known yet at which public meeting the Bylaws will be discussed and voted on.

CASA – Lisbeth Shibley and Cathy Samuels

- Cathy stated that CASA was sponsoring the "Above the Influence" dance at the Middle School that evening. Blue and orange T-shirts with that logo were going to be distributed at that. She also took a picture of the Executive Board with the Rosalyn Wiseman poster with the intention of putting it into the Manhasset Press to publicize the event. CASA is co-sponsoring with the SCA and will be held Monday January 28th and Tuesday January 29th. Christy explained the parent meeting is Monday night (it has to be confirmed whether it is at MP or HS). On Monday and

Tuesday during the day Rosalyn will be meeting with students in grades 5 through 8 and with coaches and faculty.

Saturday Series – Christy Wepler

- Christy announced that there are now Saturday Series chairs in place for the Spring Semester: Jill McCarney, Melissa Shevity and Sheila Reilly. She thanked Renee Press for meeting with the new chairs and getting them up to speed.
- She also mentioned that Daniela Buchholz has volunteered to be the Fair Chair. She does not want any co-chairs. She is a Special Events coordinator by profession and has done things like this many times. Each school President is asked to provide a volunteer coordinator.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deirdre F. Curtis

SCA Executive Board Secretary