

**CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

1. Call to Order at 7:02.
2. President's Report (Erin Nackley)
  - Welcome to the PTA
  - Introduction of the Executive Board
    - Mindy - Secretary
    - Carrie - Membership
    - Meghan - Treasurer
    - Laura - Communications
    - Angela - Vice President
  - Book fair is on hold due to renovations at the school. Record numbers for volunteers. But we are still lacking in chair positions for certain activities. Has caused us to not be able to take on as much.
3. Executive Board Reports
  - Vice President (Angela Rorick) - Utica Coffee usually in November. She'd love to help whoever wants to take over. No cash, just checks which made it much easier. Pick up is the only issue. Streamline the times to make it easier. Match with events going on at school. Turn around time after submitting Utica order is about a week. During the concert series? Is there a room, closet, etc to store stuff at school. It would make it much easier for those chairpeople who have to transport things back and forth.
  - Secretary (Mindy Pavone)
  - Membership (Carrie Reaves)
  - Communications (Laura Wileczka) - If anyone has flyers or information about a school or community event that you'd like to let people know about, send to her. Concern about students that can't be photographed. Big volunteer event - crayons/markers, Box Tops, and possibly shucking a few hundred ears of corn. How do we get info to parents other than a newsletter emailed? Bulletin board? National honor society, Junior Honor Society, and seniors need community hours. Ask them for help volunteering.
  - General
4. Committee Reports
  - School supply kits 76 supply orders between elementary and middle school through Edukit. It was a success.
  - First day coffee - Jodi Kapes said it a success. Oat carrot bars were donated by the cafeteria staff. Utica Coffee donated coffee. People asked about Spirit wear. The location was much better this year in the brick garden in front of the school.
  - Farm to school effort - Jodi Kapes: Boces wrote a grant, wrote a letter of support. Today students had a taste of HOM and tomorrow it will be on the menu. And it was a hit! Silverware instead of plastic. Flag group looking to help volunteer. Boces wants to partner with parents and the school.
5. Treasurer Report
  - Overview of financial information
    1. We tried to be more descriptive in the budget especially with grade levels.
    2. Cut back on 8th grade field trip amount. They may do the coffee sale to match what they need.
    3. HS scholarships were cut back due to poor showing of essays.
    4. Photography upgrade for Amy in the elementary.
    5. We decided to keep candy sale due to amount we bring in. Norma Mancuso may still do it if she gets someone to help her.
    6. 0 out Amazon Smile, Hannaford bags because we can't depend on the money it brings in year to year.
    7. Spirit Wear - how can we do it so that the items are going directly to the buyers?

8. Teacher welcome back luncheon and Staff appreciation event. Decided to cut the teacher welcome back luncheon.
9. Middle school refreshment for science fair was shifted to refreshments.
6. Budget presentation and vote
  1. 14 yes, 0 nos  
Budget passed
7. Upcoming Events
  - No new events as of yet.
8. Board of Education Report
  - Mary Lou Lauchert
    1. School board goal to examine communication. Conducting a study about how to communicate with families.
    2. Construction delay is due to the State Ed Dept. being behind 6 months. Even though they are behind 6 months, we don't have an extra 6 months to complete the project. Plan came back from State Ed with few comments. This means State Ed should approved the plan next month and hopefully it will go out to bid in early December. Approve bids should be back mid Dec. We can possibly start demolition during holiday break.
    3. Storage available at St. Mary's for PTA.
    4. School store? Maybe at the high school? Marie Constantino would be willing to start this program. School supplies vending machine.
9. Principal Reports - Ellen Leuthauser (Elementary)
  - Introduction - Deb VanSlyke
  - Capital project - why was the elementary office moved? They wanted to be prepared. They wanted the students to be adjusted to the library as the office until the new one is available.
  - Video explaining where everything is at the elementary school done by the students.
  - In-door recess
  - Positivity Project
10. New Business
11. Questions
  - Donations needed for elementary school for indoor recess? Legos, games, markers etc?
  - Sara asked what committees need chair people. We need a lot of them specifically Gertrude Hawk, Utica Coffee and Square Art. It would be better to have co-chairs so that people are not overwhelmed.
  - Ellen Leuthauser mentioned having a K parent do an internship so they can learn the ropes before moving on to chairperson of an activity.
  - How can we make it more engaging to bring in other parents? Suggested pizza, child care, homework slip, etc.
  - Suggested that during open house could we have K sign up sheets for activities. We had to cut Spirit wear due to no volunteers. We'd like to bring it back.
  - PTA Class rep (3 or so per grade)? Possibly do it during parent teacher conference in November.
12. Raffle
  - Jodi Kapes won Spirit Wear
13. Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm - Next meeting December 5<sup>th</sup>