Clinton Central School District

PTA General Membership Meeting

March 16, 2023

1. Call to Order 7:11 Pm, in person and via Zoom

2. President’s Report
   a. DeNicola Photography School Pictures Fundraiser and Contract- Diana- School photos serve as a fundraiser for the PTA, the contract is due this year. PTA earned approximately $1600 this year. We have not heard any complaints, quality of photos have been good, packages offered are a good variety for everyone. Vote taken and passed unanimously. No abstentions.
   b. Thank you from Mr. Clancy- Diana passed a thank you note from Mr. Clancy around the room, thanking the PTA for their involvement in the Harlem Wizard event and bringing the community together for a fun evening. Additionally, the 6th grade class sent a thank you note to the PTA for helping to fund a lunch where they were able to try Indian food after reading a book and learning about Indian culture.

3. Executive Board Reports-
   a. Vice President- Lisa Bronner- will update later in the meeting
   b. VP Communication- Maria Maier No update at this time.
   c. Secretary- Rachel Meyer- No Update
   d. Treasurer- Michelle Thompson- Michelle presented the treasurer’s report. Significant increase in the account since the last meeting due to fundraising efforts from Gertrude Hawk, pictures, amazon Smile, and Harlem Wizards. We do owe Gertrude Hawk money since some money paid was in cash but that will be settled soon. Overall, we made about $800 from Harlem Wizards. Disbursements included Science fair and Optimist club for Harlem Wizards. Diana asked for an additional line of $100 to be included in the budget for a PTA closet, specifically for totes or organizers. This was passed unanimously, no one abstained.

4. Committee Reports
   a. Membership- Diana Haldenwang- Membership is around 60 this year.
   b. Family-school engagement
      i. Community Q&A- Mr. Clancy- the district will be adding a document to the community Q&A page to help families know who specifically to ask questions to when they are not broad district questions. Example: Who to go to for sports related questions and their contact information. Mr. Clancy walked the PTA through the district site so we could see where the Q&A page is with the current questions shown on the site and their answers.
   c. Nominating committee- Diana Haldenwang- PTA board members serve a 1 year term but can sit for maximum 2 years in a row in the same position. We need a nominating committee of 2 current board members and 3 non board members to help nominate board for next year. Diana is not eligible to serve as president next year. No current volunteers during the meeting. We will ask on member hub as well.
5. Events/Projects
   
a. Spirit Wear- Diana Haldenwang- We are still waiting on a total for the fundraiser but everyone seemed pleased with the fundraiser. We will likely do it again next year but may consider a different vendor.

b. I-Lead- Maria Maier- The I-lead program has been offered to middle and high school students at CCS. They had 7 students signed up but due to location, the first meeting did not have great turn out. There are 3 modules for I-lead- I choose, I do and I Lead. Our goal is to offer I-Lead to middle and high school students in groups of 5-7 students so they can learn from each other and their experiences. The program is very structured and the overall goal will be that once students have completed the program, the high school students can work with students in the elementary school as mentors. Maria has been selected by the National PTA to present soon and her presentation will be recorded. Maria will be presenting “Creating Community with Style” She will be able to share that later on. Question- How did you discover the I-Lead program? Answer- I work with Maxwell Leadership Program and it is used across many states, as well as government agencies.

c. Parent Presentations- Diana Haldenwang- Mr. Clancy is getting a starter list and we will be sending a survey out to parents through parent square to vote on. The goal is to have 2 presentations before the end of the year. Question: Lindsay Milton- would teachers/staff present? Answer- we would seek out an expert on the topic of the presentation.

d. Plastic Film Recycling- Lisa Bronner- Lisa reached out to the LEAP club at the high school regarding the plastic film recycling mentioned during the January PTA meeting. The LEAP club is interested and began collecting Monday of this week. The goal will be to collect 500lb of clean plastic film so we can get a bench for the school. The first weigh was today and after only 3 days, and not a lot of advertisement, 13 pounds have been recycled so far. There are 3 bins in the high school with plans to add bins in the elementary school, middle school and near the superintendent’s office. Also, amazon shipping envelopes are included in what can be recycled. If we have not met our goal by the town-wide community day in May, the LEAP club will collect the plastic film in the village. Question- Rachel Meyer: is this a one time thing where once we meet the 500lb we can not continue to collect? Answer: No, but there is a 3 month waiting period before we can do it again.

e. Harlem Wizards- Diana Haldenwang- Thank you for asking about giving free tickets, the district gave out all 100 tickets and 62 were redeemed. We were still able to earn back on them from the Harlem Wizards so they were at a lower cost. We earned about $800 on the event and everyone enjoyed it from all grade levels.

f. Square 1 Art- Lindsay Milton- Our goal was $10,000 and had over $11,000 in sales. We had a total of 276 orders, approximately %50 participation. Based on the numbers we get %33 plus an additional %5 so we don’t have the finalized numbers yet.

g. Gertrude Hawk- Heidi Venero- The sale was very successful again, total sales were $20,964. Because of the levels of sales, we earn %50 so a little over $10,000. Delivery will be the end of next week with distribution the week of 3/27.
h. Book Fair- Joanne Gilles- The book fair starts Sunday 3/20 with the books being delivered 3/17. We are getting more books than last year because we had so many sales. Thank you to those who are helping so far. We will be doing books and bagels Monday morning for the teachers to come in and pick books they would like and hopefully families will have a chance to look at their wish lists Wednesday night. Saturday is the take down of the book fair. Joanne is still looking for volunteers to help out and has an online sign up sheet.

i. Senior Scholarships- Diana Haldenwang- The PTA has $1000 budgeted for 2 or more senior scholarships, depending on the number of applicants. The scholarships are given out during senior award night. Meghan Jackson will work with the high school guidance office to put out a request for applications. The scholarship committee will begin selection and approval for the recipients.

j. Faculty/Staff Appreciation- Diana Haldenwang- Last year we did a food truck for the faculty/staff appreciation. It was at the school for two days during lunch time so everyone could have a chance to get lunch. This year we have talked about doing a little more to appreciate the staff for the whole week. We have increased the budget to $4000. Teacher appreciation week is May 1-5.

Comment from Heidi Venero- State testing is May 2&3. Julia Scranton generally requests that we don’t do anything on those two days.

Lindsay Milton and Rachel Meyer volunteered to co-chair the faculty/staff appreciation.

k. Ice Cream Social- Diana Haldenwang- Prior to Covid, the PTA hosted an ice cream social and bike rodeo during warmer weather in the bus circle. This is something we would like to bring back. No volunteers to rekindle this event during the meeting.

6. New Business Question from Lindsay Milton- Can we sponsor things like the Utica Zoo mobile or the Children’s museum or a magician? Answer- Diana: Yes but it might be tough to get it done during the school day this year because of timing. Anything can be done after hours as long as space is available.

Question- Laura Wileczka: What is the process for doing this? Diana: the executive board can vote to approve a line item In the budget since there is not another PTA meeting until June.

7. District Updates
   a. Board of Education Report- Lyndsey Bauer- This is the time of the year when the School board is meeting to work the budget out prior to the vote.
   b. Superintendent’s Update- Mr. Clancy- Thank you for the Harlem Wizard event. It was well attended and fun. Thank you for supporting families. The district will be having a new staff member. Erin Eagain has returned to teaching and we will have a new Director of PPS, Liz Dougherty. The capital project is still in the design phase, specifically the libraries, elementary cafeteria, playground and the turf field.
   c. Building Principal Updates- none during this meeting.

8. Questions- None

9. Adjourn- 8:27pm