



January General Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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Attendees:

Steven Gimbelman  
Danielle Gibson  
Amy Dimes  
Marci Klein  
Tara Buss

Courtney McCormick  
Stephanie Collura  
Patricia Pecoraro  
Paul Surdez  
Jim Osmond

Justine Buzzetta  
January Nicoletta  
Nancy Morin  
Marian Castor

The meeting was called to order at 9:40.

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

1. Presentation – How to prepare your child for college – Jim and Erica Osmond  
Please see the power point titled “Knowledge About College” on the Colts Neck PTO website for further information.

2. Mr. Osmond’s Update:  
Mr. Osmond shared a quick update. The maintenance and custodial crews are doing a fantastic job clearing the snow from walkways and parking lot. Due to the cold temperatures, there won’t be outdoor recess anytime soon for 3rd and 4th graders. However, 5th graders reached out to Mr. Osmond and successfully petitioned for 5th grade students to choose if they want to stay inside or outside for recess.

School is back in the swing of things. MAP assessments are coming up in late January and early February for reading and math. The elementary school is using the MAP assessments to help prepare for PARC assessments. This year the whole school will be doing PARC assessments at the same time. And, as always, he thanked the PTO for their support.

Patricia Pecoraro asked how the tower gardens are holding up. Before break, the gardens were trimmed and cleaned out, but they are going to be up and running shortly. Mr. Osmond described what an awesome experience the tower gardens are for the children to be involved in and to see biology in that way.

3. Executive Board Reports

- a) Patricia Pecoraro / Danielle Gibson– Co-Presidents  
Spring Gala: The chairs, Tara Torchia Buss and Justine Buzzetta, attended the meeting and gave the gala update. The theme is a chic white party. Tara and Justine are collecting donations and need more donations, volunteers, and sponsorships. They already have a trifold sponsor. There is going to be an email address designated for all gala corre-

spondences. The PTO will advertise for donations at the upcoming middle school chorus concert. Ticket price is \$60.

- b) Courtney McCormick - Vice President  
Sharon Johnson is the committee chairperson for principal and superintendent of the day. She still needs volunteers. This is Sharon's last year chairing this committee, so please ask around and see if anyone wants to chair next year. The new chairperson can shadow Sharon this year.

Frosty's Recap: It was a great event! Thank you to Stephanie Lukowitz Steven Gimbelman for running it. Kid craft sales were extremely successful and will definitely be included in next year's event.

Fall Parent Social Recap: It was a great event! Thank you to Tara Torchia Buss and Colleen Panico for running the event.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast Recap: 8th grade breakfast was a big success! There were 50 volunteers (dads cooking and moms cleaning). There was a magician and 40 lbs of bacon!

- c) Amy Dimes - Fundraising / Sponsorship  
Casino Night Thank You: The Colts Neck PTO would like to extend a special thank you to all our generous casino table sponsors. This event would not have been possible without your generous support. Designer Greetings, Frontier Adjusters, Lombardi Plastic Surgery, Asbury Circle Car Wash, Mid Atlantic Orthopedic Associates, LLP., Colts Neck Financial, Burns Brothers Custom Carpentry, LLC, Ray Raya, Esq., Battleground Country Club, and Buona Sera Ristorante & Bar! We would also like to thank our generous basket sponsors: Lombardi Plastic Surgery, Garmany, Battleground Country Club, Daniela's Wish, The Panico Family, Tumbling Dice, Tara Torchia Buss, Empire Casino, EpicXperiences, The Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel, Buona Sera Ristorante & Bar.
- d) Jennifer Winkelmann- Student Activities Director
- e) Stephanie Collura- Communications Director
- f) January Nicoletta – Assistant Treasurer
- g) Nancy Morin – Treasurer

Oct/Nov Treasurer's Reports

Book Balances as of 10/31/16:

- Checking \$11,480
- Savings \$16,657
- Gaming \$8,501

Notable expenses during October:

- \$250 from family movie night

Notable income during October:

- o \$2,225 in membership dues
- o \$975 from the save around books

Book balances as of 11/30/16:

- o Checking \$25,687
- o Savings \$16,658
- o Gaming \$12,216

No notable expenses during November.

Notable income during November:

- o \$4,050 from the save around books
- o \$1,960 from the school supply orders
- o \$11,963 from the parent social

h) Marci Klein – Secretary

The secretary moved to approve the following:

October Treasurer's Report (Justine Buzzetta, Tara Torchia Buss) all were in favor.

November Treasurer's Report (Justine Buzzetta, Marian Castor) all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.