

Shaw Avenue General PTA Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2015

Meeting Start Time: 7:40pm

Meeting End Time: 8:23pm

Meeting called by President **Angela Worrell-Laurent**

Board Members: **Reginald Mackey** VP of Communications/Information Technology, **Marcia Mangal** VP of Fundraising /Finance, **Audrey Osmani Treasurer**(Not Present), **Sandra Proto** Recording Secretary, **Ana Alvarez** Programming Chair, **Andrea Abrahams** Parent Student Body Chair, **Oneka Chan** Delegate to Council, **Leeann Pollard** Delegate to Council, **Dr. Francyne Zeltser** Teacher Delegate.

7:40pm **Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

Angela welcomed and Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and promised the meeting will be short, so the children could perform

Approval of last meeting's minutes

The minutes were approved by Sharon Ramnauth and Moliere Charles.

Membership Acknowledgement

Reginald read the names of the 2015-2016 PTA Members to date(the names can be found at <http://www.shawavenuepta.com/2015-2016-pta-members.html>).

Principal's Report

Mrs. Pernick talked about what activities the school will be doing for the Halloween season:

Halloween Parade

Mrs. Pernick said the *Halloween Parade* will be conducted on Friday, October 30th around 2:15pm. She said this is an opportunity for the children to dress up in their costumes. She said that the children should not wear masks, have weapons, or have scary costumes. She also, said that the children would be changing into their costumes, so have them wear their regular clothes to school.

The parade will be conducted (if weather is nice) in the back yard (ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOMED). The children will march with their class in the middle while the parents are on the outskirts.

For inclement weather, the parade will be conducted inside and unfortunately parents are not allowed because of space limitations.

Class Parties

Mrs. Pernick said that on October 30th and other days throughout the year, there will be classroom parties. She said, all the children are included in the parties but emphasized to the parents that wish not to have their child to participate to please contact the teacher and let them know to what extent their children would participate.

PTA sponsored Costume Party

Mrs. Pernick briefly went over the schedule of the *Costume Party* on October 30th which is as following:

Session 1

Kindergarten through 2nd Grade: 6pm-7:30pm

Session 2

3rd through 6th Grade: 7:45pm-9:15pm

For parents who have children in both **Session 1** and **Session 2**, accommodations can be made to only attend one session.

Also, Mrs. Pernick emphasized that this party is **not a drop off** (ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT) and to attend it is by pre-ticket orders only (**No Tickets will be sold at the door**).

Other Discussion

-Mrs. Pernick said *the Loop* is continuing to be running smooth.

Mrs. Pernick encouraged everyone to use **MySchoolBucks** for payment of lunch. She reiterated that the *District policy* **not** *Shaw Avenue policy* for the amount of charges a child can have is three times and therefore after the child will only receive a cheese sandwich or bagel if they do not have lunch money. (Refer to *September 2015 Meeting Minutes* for more information about *MySchoolBucks*)

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report**-Audrey said there was no significant information at this time
- **Delegate Council**- Leeann briefly said that some schools are hosting events like *Breakfast at Applebee's* and *Ladies Night*
- **Membership**- Oneka said as of October 15th there are 88 members and 80 paid members. She encouraged all those who did not pay as of yet to please do so because the Online system will take them out of the system.
- **Fundraiser Update**- Marcia said that the Miss Chocolate fundraiser has been extended to Monday, October 26th.
- **Book Club**-Leeann and Angela discussed the book selection: *Small as a Mustard Seed* by *Shelli Johnson* and the discussion will be on *Sunday, October 25th from 2pm-4pm at Sip This located at 64 Rockaway Ave.; Valley Stream*

Announcements/ Events

- Gift Wrap Sale Ends October 19th
- Red Ribbon Week October 25th – 30th
- Pumpkin Patch – October 30th
- Costume Party – October 30th
- School Parade – October 30th
- **Election Day – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **Shaw Avenue Book Fair November 5th & 6th** – Sandra announced that the Book Fair will be in the small gym
- **Pajama Bingo Night November 6th** – Oneka said it will be from 7pm to 8:15pm

and more information will be giving out.
The Book Fair will also, be held that night.

Veterans Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

A Survivors Story of Hope –Breast Cancer

Awareness- Angela led a special acknowledgement to all Breast Cancer survivors

Members Q &A

- **Classroom/Teacher's School Supplies-** A member suggested maybe collecting donations through *Paypal* to purchase school supplies for the classrooms.
- **Book Fair-**A member wanted to know about possible ordering books Online to eliminate children buying unnecessary things. Both Angela and Sandra said that there will be an Online Book Fair and that the paid items will be shipped to the school and not to the person's home.

Hispanic Heritage Performance- Mrs. Fischer conducted a performance with Mrs. Arena's 3rd Grade Class

8:23pm

Adjournment