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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of
Tuesday, Marh 9, 2021

PRESENT:

Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Chris Dolce, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Lisa Manzo, Peter Leis, Paul Rondinella, Shannon Lehnert, Beth Caiola, Frank Saladino, Jeff Vitale, Christine Dassler, Laura Getman-Vaca, Charlie Hafner, Stefanie Litchult, Kevin Keane, Diane Boccio, Rob Burger, Carolyn Paul, Nichole Johnson, Christine Constantine, Leslie Sewell, Jennifer Ronayne, John Zambriski

ABSENT:

Diane Boyle, Joanna Zalewski

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:45 pm

- Motion made by Carolyn Paul and seconded by Frank Saladino to approve the February '21 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve donation for Birthday-in-a-Box 5:08 pm

- Motion was made by Rob Burger and seconded by Leslie Sewell to approve up to \$500 for Birthday-in-a-Box: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve CTA gift cards 5:10 pm

- Motion was made by Peter Leis and seconded by Frank Saladino to approve 4 additional \$250 CTA gift cards for the emergency fund.
- Discussion – used to aid in families within the community dealing with disasters. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMITTEES:

- 4:47 pm: District Health and Safety Committee
 - Nothing to report, last meeting cancelled due to weather.
 - Question whether the Merv 13 filters were installed in the high school.
 - All gender signs appearing in bathrooms with toilet and/or urinal. Every school has different explanations regarding signs. Some faculty bathrooms being used. Principals have not informed faculty of change.
- 4:56 pm: Political Action
 - committee 100 Jeff met with Assemblymen Ramos, Gandoff, Doug Smith, main discussion budget/funding. Assemblymen were pro-education, Ramos was against charter schools, trying to promote multi-cultural teachers. All were strongly for 25/50.
 - Discrepancies over how federal funding will be distributed throughout NYS
 - Ultra wealth tax possible to support education
 - Jeff will meet with senators this week.
- 5:00 pm: Public Relations

- Birthday-in-a-Box boxes cost approximately \$50-75 per box. Email says donations are still being accepted. Hold off asking members for donations until we can receive more info.
- Explored the possibility of having honor society students donate and assemble boxes for community service hours.
- Cohalen center still closed
- Retirement party: \$500 deposit still there from last year. Decision to hold off to fall and possibly combine with welcome back party. If deposits are a problem, possible use money to donate dinners.
- NYSUT info can now be done electronically.
- 5:21 pm: Emergency Fund
 - Nothing to report
- 5:21 pm: Technology
 - Nothing to report
 - Answer to questions regarding the status of elementary chromebooks: No definite timeline. Elementary started getting chromebooks last week.
 - Kindergarten ipads have been ordered and expected in a month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 5:23 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Impact bargaining regarding events this year may resolve around 5 current grievances.
- 5:24 pm: Candidates for school board
 - Still looking for potential candidates.
- 5:24 pm: Supt. Conference Day
 - Leaving it alone this year, may revisit early next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 5:27 pm: NYSTRS Delegate Election
 - Lisa Manzo will join Laura Lee Flynn and Kevin Keane to represent the entire district.
- 5:28 pm: Use of email – use personal
 - As a reminder, all union business should use personal email accounts.
- 5:29 pm Building Union Meetings
 - COVID has made it difficult to coordinate general membership meetings, but important information is being conveyed via Tony’s email.
- 5:42 pm Other
 - CTA elections are being held this year. Looking for safe ways to hold elections. Possibly electronically?
 - New NYS rule regarding quarantine. People who have been vaccinated for as least two weeks do not have to quarantine after visiting other states.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:46 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Interim Secretary