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MINUTES OF THE: Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, November 8, 2022

PRESENT:

Tony Felicio, Jr., Brad Lindell, Ellen Perz, Rob Bachisin, Jeff Vitale, Joanna Zalewski, Christine Dassler, Rob Lehnert, Rob Burger, Christine Constantine, Shannon Lehnert, Frank Saladino, Diane Boyle, Charlie Hafner, Stefanie Litchult, Beth Caiola, Gina Cerulli, Diane Boccio, John Zambriski, Jennifer Ronayne, Paul Rondinella

ABSENT:

Anita Ekstem, Chris Dolce, Leslie Sewell, Lisa Manzo, Kevin Keane, Nichole Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report 4:01 pm

- Motion made by Frank Saladino and seconded by Rob Lehnert to approve the October '22 Treasurer's Report: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Emergency Funds 4:05 pm

- Motion was made by Jennifer Ronayne and seconded by Christine Constantine to approve \$250 gift cards for the Hartman family and the Jasaitis family: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Holiday Cards 4:57 pm

- Motion was made by John Zambriski and seconded by Brad Lindell to approve \$3000 for the making and mailing of Happy Holiday postcards to Connetquot community voters: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Helping Hands Thanksgiving Food Drive 5:02 pm

- Motion was made by Christine Dassler and seconded by Rob Lehnert to approve \$250 for the purchase of turkeys for Helping Hand's Food Drive: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Addie's Army Toy Drive 5:04 pm

- Motion was made by Rob Bachisin and seconded by Frank Saladino to approve \$250 for Addie's Army Toy Drive: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Holiday Gifts 5:06 pm

- Motion was made by Joanna Zalewski and seconded by Ellen Perz to approve \$300 for holiday gifts for central office secretaries: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve CTA Secretary Gift 5:06 pm

- Motion was made by Ellen Perz and seconded by Rob Lehnert to approve \$200 for a holiday gift for our CTA office secretary: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to Approve Gift for Office Cleaning Person 5:06 pm

- Motion was made by Christine Dassler and seconded by Diane Boyle to approve \$100 for a holiday gift for the CTA office cleaning person: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMITTEES:

- 4:02 pm: Health and Safety
 - Nothing to report
- 4:03 pm: Political Action
 - Nothing to report

- 4:03 pm: Public Relations
 - Welcome Back Party at Land's End was great success
 - Retirement Party June 20, 2023 at Land's End
- 4:04 pm: Emergency Fund
 - Hartman father passed, daughters in 8th and 9th grade
 - Jastaitis father passed, son in 11th grade
- 4:07 pm: Technology
 - Email Chris Dolce if there are issues
 - Pearl phone lines and smart boards were installed

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4:08 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
 - Possible upcoming:
 - Coaches extended day pay: (contractually no language covering change in game time) Maybe past practice, possibly impact bargain. Aides were supposedly paid watching kids during that time, but not posted, which needs to be by contract.
 - Tri-annual evaluations: Are not to done during prep or lunch, not piece-meal, not in hallway. District needs to provide place and time to do it. Ask principal for professional day (OBMS not on Mon or Fri), RMS good with system. If they decline, ask “when are you directing me to do this?”
 - November 16th meeting with lawyers, 2nd round of nurses' grievance on November 22nd
- 4:23 pm: Negotiations
 - Nothing to report
- 4:26 pm: Safe Act (Empowering Teachers)
 - Tony and Brad met with Christina Poppe explaining position and teacher's rights (decision is not made by principal).
 - Meant for habitual child that interferes with the educational process
 - Will be emailed to all members
- 4:28 pm: Other
 - Universal discipline Chris wrote to Christina Poppe. Needs to be followed up on
 - Should discipline committee meet?

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4:31 pm: Community Communication/PR
 - CTA does a lot of charitable events for community. NYSUT suggests getting more involved with informing community
 - Want to create PR position updating facebook page with positive stories, pamphlet to send out to community (stipend). Brad Lindell, Rob Burger, Lisa Manzo, Joanna Zalewski, and Rob Lehnert will sit on committee to set up position, guidelines. Names will then be forwarded to Rob Bachisin at Bachisin@gmail.com.
- 4:38 pm: Holiday Card
 - 5x9 post card wishing community happy holidays!
- 5:09 pm: Building meetings
 - Members are contacting Tony claiming they don't know what's going on
 - Reps should meet within a week with their buildings
- 4:59 pm: Other
 - CTA possibly sponsoring an eagle scout “Give a book” project
 - CTA possibly sponsor cleaning an Islip road
 - Dr Adams was invited by student to attend LGBTQ+ meeting without informing advisor
 - District is not paying for scantrons, copy machines were supposed to replace but training is needed.
 - Every teacher has right to get the master schedule (written in contract).

- OBMS assistant principal has asked why hasn't any teacher turned in any information regarding state looking into district

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:32 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary