

Brooklawn Middle School 10th General Assembly

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday, October 12, 2006

Your Student Council President Amanda called this meeting to order at 12:43 p.m.

Secretary's Report (Lauren):

Lauren explained again how we take attendance and how to sign in. She also reminded everyone to view the minutes after every General Assembly on www.BrooklawnSA.com

MOTION to approve the minutes of the last meeting: Andy (B-13)

SECOND of above motion: Brittany (C-20)

Vice President's Report (Emma):

Emma told everyone that B.I.G. Night is coming soon! The forms went out yesterday and that you can also get a form from www.brooklawnsa.com. B.I.G. Night is on November 16 and 17, and is a night of intense competition where teamwork is a must! You play fun games where you compete against teachers, parents, alumni and other students. If you compete, admission is free on the night you compete. You can also come out and support your friends! It costs \$3.00 at the door to get in, if you compete one night you still need to pay if you want to come and watch the other night. All money raised will go to the State Charity. There is one new event this year, called the "Human Hoop Toss". Signups are a first come first serve basis and will run out fast, so get pumped and experience the competitive side of Brooklawn at B.I.G. Night!

Emma also told everyone that the S.A. Magazine Drive is coming soon. We will be putting up flyers next week, and we want to see a lot of participation. The money that we raise in the Magazine Drive helps to pay for Eighth Grade Fun Day, the new incentive for the Spirit Point winning grade, and it also keeps general costs down. Pay attention throughout all of November for detail. You can buy magazines from this fundraiser and also renew previous subscriptions, with very reasonable prices. Some lucky contest winners will get to go on the Limo Ride TO Lunch, and 40% of the profit comes back to Brooklawn – so get your homerooms ready to participate.

Treasurer's Report (Jesse):

<i>Financial Report:</i>	PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$5,551.20
	S.A. Card Sales & Replacement	\$550.00
	Event Ticket Sales	\$425.00
	Other:	\$0.00
	TOTAL PROCEEDS	\$975.00
	Food:	\$500.85
	Soda:	\$0.00
	Supplies:	\$10.68
	Other:	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$511.53
	CURRENT BALANCE	\$6,014.67

Jesse also informed everyone about the money we have raised for the State Charity so far, which is \$3,680.97 from the Penny Wars.

Committee Reports from the Board of Directors:

Community Service (Aman):

Aman thanked everyone who participated in this year's Penny Wars, and also everyone who participated in cleaning the blackboards during the Custodians Appreciation Day BBQ.

Aman explained B.I.G. Night a little bit as well. The forms are available now from Mr. Miller in B-16 and also on the website www.brooklawnsa.com. If you are competing you get in free on the night you compete. If you want to come and watch B.I.G. Night, tickets are \$3.00 at the door. Signups to participate go quickly, since they are on a first come first serve basis.

Aman's next meeting will be on Wednesday October 25 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16.

Decorating (Cara):

Cara's next meeting will be on Tuesday October 24 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16 to discuss decorating for the Almost Halloween Dances, which are on Friday October 27. The sixth grade dance will be from 3:00-4:30, and the seventh/eighth grade dance will be from 7:30-10:00. Tickets for these dances are free with your S.A. Card or \$5.00 without, and will be on sale October 25-27 during all lunches and at the door.

When the seventh and eighth graders come to decorate at 6:30, please go straight to the cafetorium so we can start decorating right away – don't go to B-16! Also, all committee members should come to every meeting because starting soon if you don't come and are not excused, you will lose incentive points and will not be able to decorate for the dances.

Graduation (Loni):

Loni reminded everyone that Medieval Times forms are due tomorrow. This trip will be Wednesday December 6, and the cost is \$49.00 with a S.A. Card or \$52.00 without.

Loni will be having a committee meeting on Thursday October 19 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16. At this meeting we will be discussing the guidelines for the new Spirit Point incentive. We will also be picking out the dates for the following November Spirit Days: P.J. and Slipper Day, Sweats Day, and another spirit day to be decided on.

Leadership (Caitlyn):

Caitlyn was absent for this meeting so Andrew read her report:

Caitlyn wanted to thank everyone for helping to stuff the Magazine Drive envelopes at her last meeting. The Magazine Drive will start November 1 and last through December 1. There will be four collection days, and the grade with the most participation in each will get 5 Spirit Points. This is a great opportunity to receive up to 20 Spirit Points for your grade. At the next General Assembly, all members will hear a presentation about Magazine Drive that they will then give to their homerooms on November 1.

Caitlyn's next meeting will be on Tuesday October 17 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16 to finish stuffing the Magazine Drive envelopes.

Liaison (Neil):

Neil attended the PTSA meeting the other night and informed everyone what they were talking about. One of the main things they talked about was school safety, which is very important. Mr. Cleary and Mrs. Hoehne said that any threat is taken very seriously, it does not matter whether who said it is kidding or not. Mr. Cleary also added that Fire Drills are also very important and are to be taken seriously.

The PTSA is selling Gold Cards throughout the year, so far they have raised \$4500. This money goes to the PTSA, but they help pay for many things we do such as Cultural Arts and shirts at B.I.G. Night.

Neil's next meeting will be on Tuesday October 17 from 2:50-3:45 in room B-16.

Publicity (Andrew):

Andrew's next committee meeting will be on Thursday October 26 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16, at which they will be working on the November Days of the Week.

Andrew handed in our first newspaper article to Knight Life, our school newspaper. We now have our own S.A. Section, which will have articles about things we are doing. You can contact Andrew if you would like to have input or would like to write an article.

Advisor's Report (Mr. Miller):

The committees are getting organized and all Member At Large committee assignments are done, so if you would like to join a committee and get Incentive Points for it the deadline is Thursday October 26.

If you are in the General Assembly you get 40 Incentive Points and then if you join up to two committees you will get 20 Incentive Points for each. However, if you miss a meeting without telling the committee chair in advance, you will lose 5 Incentive Points. If you miss a General Assembly without telling Mr. Miller or Amanda in advance, you will also lose 5 Incentive Points. You can get 15 Incentive Points for attending B.L.T. Saturday, and 5 Incentive Points for attending B.I.G. Night. You must have 60 Incentive Points to attend the NJASC Spring Awards Program at Six Flags Great Adventure in May.

For several reasons, coach bus transportation has become extremely expensive – so for the eighth grade Medieval Times trip we will be taking school buses. This is only a half hour ride, so it should not be too bad. The coach bus companies have nearly doubled their prices from last year, so we may be using school buses for a lot of our trips. The price change would be high enough to knock out a lot of people from going. Mr. Miller is now negotiating to get coach buses at a reasonable price for the eighth grade Dorney Park Trip, since that is a much longer ride.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Mary (B-12) says her homeroom teacher is a big breakfast eater at Brooklawn and would like to get the real eggs back instead of the fake ones that are there now. Mr. Miller responded that she should speak with Neil and attend the Liaison Committee meetings about cafeteria food.

Primary Elections – at today’s General Assembly, the primary elections to determine our candidate for the upcoming NJASC Middle Level Representative election were held. The two candidates were Cara and Coco, each seventh graders who attended LTC last summer. They gave speeches in front of the General Assembly, and then all members voted. The results will be given to the candidates first, then to the Executive Board, and finally will be announced to the school.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting: Kevin (C-15)

SECOND of above motion: Nicholle (PE-5)

This motion carried unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Lauren, your Secretary, respectfully submits these minutes.