



Minutes for the YMA General Meeting 9/26/19

Board members in Attendance: Dorka Pinnix, Leah Canale, Linda D'Agostino-Garcia, Margaret Madden, Elaine Coleman

- Also present: Helen McCullagh, YMA PTSA Membership Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium.

- Thank you, Helen, for organizing a fun ice breaker for all who attended!

What YMA's PTSA accomplished last year

- Mini-grants
 - We gave out more last year than previous years to our YMA teachers and staff
- We were able to save our book fair
 - Thank you to Yunaryx (Yuna) Barrios and Lina Warner
- We purchased new playground equipment for Elementary recess
- We had a very successful adult fundraiser

Enrichment programs

- We are currently planning bring 3 new assembly programs this year to different grade levels

Carnival

- We are planning a Carnival-themed event, more information to follow

Budget

- We do not collect income from Scholastic Book Fairs, instead we give back to YMA in the form of a discount
 - We also earn Scholastic Dollars for teachers to purchase books and subscriptions for their classrooms
- The proposed 2019-20 was discussed and questions were answered
- The budget was unanimously approved

Board Positions – we are actively looking for a President and Treasurer

- Dorka Pinnix, President (will stay on until January 2020)
- Linda D'Agostino-Garcia, Secretary
- Lisa Knigge, Interim Treasurer
- Margaret Madden, VP of Pre-K to 3
- Leah Canale, VP of 4-8
- Kenia Gomez, VP of 9-12

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Dr. Rivera, Principal

- Dr. Rivera is currently in her 13th year as YMA's Principal
- Called for families to spread the word to become part of the PTSA
 - She will send a school-wide email about PTSA membership
- NYS Ed. Dept. has identified YMA as a school in good standards
- YMA is doing well, Yonkers School District continues to specifically include YMA in the budget for funding
- Length of morning announcements has been reduced to allow for more instructional time
 - National anthem will continue to be said on special occasions
 - Pledge of Allegiance is said every day
- Assistant Principal Ms. Landrau was also present
- Cultural Day on October 31, 2019
 - PreK-3 parade will be longer and take a longer route
 - If weather is inclement, the parade will be in the auditorium
 - Culture Day projects will be on display

YSEPTA

- Thank you to Karen Rodriguez and Natalie Carlo for speaking
- This is a district-wide PTA, specifically for special needs students and families
- Meetings are held once per month, membership is \$10/year
- They can help special needs parents in every way they can, please reach out to them

Suggestions by Attendees

- Family flyer for new YMA families to make them aware of programs, etc.

The Open House Membership Gift Card Winner is.....

- Jennifer Tiplady, YMA's School Psychologist!

The first PTSA General Meeting Attendee Gift Card Winner is...

- Maureen Leathem!

Volunteers are always needed! No amount of contribution is too small.

Next General Meeting

- October 22, 2019 at 7pm in South Wing Gym
 - During the Book Fair's Family Night

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm

- Minutes recorded by Linda D'Agostino-Garcia