

Englewood Cliffs PTA General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 15, 2015  
Upper School Library  
7:30 pm

President, Beatriz Zenizo-Macias, called the Meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

**Attendees:**

Beatriz Zenizo, Anna Shen, Susan Pak, Ivette Lan-Ayers, Fazilet Gur, Jiwon Song, Kwang Roh, Eroula Dimitriou, Shanna Jafri, Fan Huang, Marion Bobb-McKay, Shraddha Munver, Mijung Han, Michael Ko, Vijay Lapsia, Varsha Lapsia, Kakoli Paresi, Marilyn Estrens, Fernando Estrens, Gabriel Estrada, Quanda Whelchel, Arkesha Moses, Stephen Moses, Mojin Lee, Hyun Ju Joung, Rasheeda Ghaznavi, Chrissy Nanos, Michelle Romagnoli, Varsha Daryanani, Stella Stempel, Ellen Park, Audrey Choi, Hyesoo Shin, Xiaohong (Nicole) Liang, Fortunata Campbell, Malak Atut, Aditi Daga

**Officers' Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: In Christina's absence, Vice-President, Shraddha, presented the 2015 PTA Budget. The budget was approved unanimously (36 votes) by PTA members present at the meeting. The PTA has ordered Electronic Bulletin boards for North Cliff and Upper School which should arrive in early October.

Recording Secretary's Report: No report presented as we started a new year.

President's Report: Beatriz introduced the various PTA activities for the year, including: the Scholastic Book Fair twice per year, various charitable drives, Box Tops, Golden Tickets, sponsoring many events, and School Tool Box.

**Committees' Reports:**

Membership: Anna reported the benefits of PTA membership. As of today, the PTA has 169 members. Both parents were encouraged to sign up.

Pizza Mondays: Anna Shen reported that this is our largest fundraiser. There will be 34 Pizza Mondays from Sept 21, 2015 until June 20, 2016. We are still in need of volunteers. Please sign up with Paula Cohen for the Upper School and Nidhi Pandya for North Cliff. If a volunteer cancels last-minute, it is the volunteer's duty to find a replacement.

Fall Festival: Beatriz reported that the Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 12pm-4pm. It is the signature PTA fundraiser and is open free to the public. We are behind on our 100 scarecrow challenge as we have only 40 scarecrows purchased, versus 72 at this point last year. Volunteering has been low. Someone suggested hiring high school students for community service hours. However, it is difficult to implement this based on unreliability.

Picture Day: Beatriz reported that we will continue to work with Irvin Simon Photographers. The advantage with using this vendor is that we can decide to purchase the pictures after viewing the proof.

Reflections Program 2015: Let Your imagination Fly: Shraddha reported how well the district performed last year with several entries in the national Competition. All kids are encouraged to participate this year.

Old Business: None reported.

New Business: Beatriz requested feedback from parents on different topics of interest, ie, nutrition, mindfulness, ethics, etc.

Shraddha introduced a new Twitter account for the PTA. It can be followed at ec\_PTA.

President, Beatriz Zenizo-Marcias, adjourned the PTA Meeting at 8:34pm for the Speaker Series presentation given by Ms. Jennifer Brower, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, to provide an update on the IB Program.