

Kawameeh Middle School PTA  
Executive Board Meeting  
390 David Terr., Union, NJ 07083  
September 13, 2017

*Call to Order:* President Dawn O'Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

*Establishing a Quorum:* Excused from tonight's meeting: Jean Alfano & Nadyrah Amin-Fenner

There were 25 members in attendance including Principal Jason Malanda and Teacher Liaison Nicole Kelly. A quorum was reached.

*Invocation/Flag Salute/Minutes/Correspondence:* given by Suehay Monge  
"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence"  
The minutes from 8/21/17 are on file. There was one new correspondence.

*Introduction of Officers:*

President: Dawn O'Flaherty

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Dalila Rengifo

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Suehay Monge

Treasurer: Nadyrah Amin-Fenner

Secretary: Jean Alfano

*Treasurer's Report:* given by Dawn O'Flaherty

Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Budget was read and approved.

*Principal's Report:* given by Mr. Jason Malanda

It was a good opening for the first day of school. Enrollment is up – 670 – 680 students. Mr. Grennor is now at Washington School and Mrs. Deczynski is our music teacher. All lockers were painted over the summer. Open House is on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

*Teacher Liaison Report:* given by Mrs. Kelly

The Kawameeh newspaper is up and running. Any information can be emailed to [nkelly@twpunionschools.org](mailto:nkelly@twpunionschools.org) for consideration. Mrs. Kelly has already started collecting dues from the staff.

*OLD BUSINESS:* The Audit Committee met and finished the 2016/2017 Audit. Thank you to all who helped. The Audit Committee is now dismissed.

*NEW BUSINESS:* The budget was read and approved. The calendar for the new school year was discussed. Membership, donation and committee solicitation flyers will be sent home this week. These forms can also be found on the KMS website under PTA. . A Clothing Drive fundraiser has been planned for November. Clothing can be dropped off at the school between 8am and noon. Open House will be on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets, magnets and actively pursuing Membership sign up.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS:*

*Membership:* Dalilah Rengifo is the 2017/2018 chairperson. Thank you Mrs. Rengifo.

*Box Tops:* Lisa Brophy is the 2017/2018 chairperson. Keep sending your boxtops in, it is free money for your PTA. Thank you Mrs. Brophy. Lizy Perez is the Spirit wear chairperson for the 2017 – 2018 school year. We will be selling Spirit Wear online in October. Be on the look out for a flyer.

*Kawameeh Chiefs:* This has been a tradition for the past 50 years! At the end of the year, Teachers vote on those students who have been outstanding in various fields during their tenure at KMS and awarded the Kawameeh Chief trophy. This is a large part of the PTA budget. Mary Kathryn Kelley is continuing as chairperson, but she could use some help, please consider helping her. We are currently looking for a less expensive chief. Thank you Mrs. Kelley.

*Snack Sale:* Suehay Monge will continue to sell snacks every Friday after school in the main lobby. The students look forward to this after such a studious week. Please contact Mrs. Monge to volunteer. Thank you Mrs. Monge.

*Ice Cream Social:* This year the Ice Cream Social, for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will follow with more details. Paula Martinez will be the chairperson for this committee. We are looking into possibly getting some bouncy equipment to entertainment the children while they are eating their ice cream. We are also looking to get BIG spot lights from the fire department. This is a wonderful time for the children to socialize with fellow classmates, please consider to help us out. *Color Run:* We are planning on having a Color Run in the spring. Lazara Rovira is the chairperson. This will require a lot of planning so we will be starting soon. *Kona Ice Truck* will be stopping by the school on hot days. We get 30% of the profits.

*QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:*

*DATES TO REMEMBER:*

September 21	School Closed – Rosh Hashanah
September 28	Open House/General Meeting @ 6:30 pm
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Columbus Day
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm

*Adjournment:* President Dawn O’Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn O’Flaherty