



SWR SEPTA MEETING MINUTES FOR Monday 5/6/26, 7:00pm Wading River School Library

Members in Attendance: Lara Gutheil, Deborah Aiello, Erin Sauders-Morano, Louis Parrinello, and Laura Riekert.

- I. **Call the meeting to order – Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Updates:** None as Tracy Von Eschen unable to attend
- III. **President's Report – Deborah Aiello**
 - a. **Old Business:**
 1. 3/17 Meeting Speaker: Randy Young, LI Regional Partnership & Family and Community Engagement Centers: How Families Can Actively Contribute to IEP Development
 2. Rock Your Socks Fundraiser: we raised \$211 minus expenses to be reimbursed to Laura for the socks. After calculating final profit, we will send a donation check to Special Olympics and Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation.
 3. Autism Acceptance Month Banners were delivered to each building. If we get pictures we will post online.
 4. Parents' Night Out was Thurs, 4/23 6pm-9pm@The Backyard Middle Island. It wasn't as well attended as we hoped but we still raised a good amount, pending final expense calculation. Thank you to Tara Gosman who solicited baskets and prizes for our basket auction. We had so many prizes, everyone walked out with something.
 - b. **New Business:**
 1. Senior Scholarships Being Submitted This Week. We only received 3 applications. Since we only give out 3, we didn't need to form a scholarship committee. All recipients either have a 504 plan or IEP, and their essay was about their experience with their disability.
 2. We have cancelled the Unity Ball scheduled for 5/15. It was too close to Parents' Night Out to plan another big event. May is also a very busy time for most families. We will consider something similar next year.
- IV. **Approval of 3/17/26 Meeting Minutes:** Laura Riekert, approved
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** Erin Saunders-Morano, approved

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- VI. Guest Speaker:** Dodie Daniels, Parent to Parent NYS: Traveling with Your Special Needs Child/Adult. The presentation was informative and resources were shared.
- VII. Announcements/Discussion Items:**
- a. PTA Council Meeting: Monday 5/11 at 7pm @SWR HS Library
Topic: SWR Budget Presentation. Attend to learn about the SWR Budget to make an informed decision for budget vote.
 - b. Next SEPTA Meeting: June 2 @Wading River School Cafeteria
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Other PTAs/PTOs have their elections beforehand. Since our terms are two years, we will join the dinner which is open to all volunteers.

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