

## PT Council Minutes 1/12/17

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Treasurer report and budget
  - Donation to Starfish foundation in memory of mayor's wife
  - Payment for Stamford Advocate advertising
  - Outstanding dues and taxes (will make each PT council aware if owe)
  - Treasurer's meeting postponed
- III. Matt Quinones: CEO of SPEF (Stamford Public Education Foundation)
  - Programs include mentoring, college readiness, tutoring, parent advocacy, PLTI/parent advocacy, kindergarten readiness.
  - Excellence in Education award (fundraising event for SPEF) recognizes educators nominated by their schools. SPEF looking for nominations from each PTO. Application can be found at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B\\_JAGuLP3GHoT05sWjJvb2EtQmM/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_JAGuLP3GHoT05sWjJvb2EtQmM/view) deadline is Feb. 3. Event will be held on March 23 at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford.
- IV. Catalina Samper-Horak: Executive Director of Neighbors Link, Stamford
  - Name change as of 1/27/17 will be called "One Community" – organization is 5 ½ years old - began in June 2011 with one employee and \$250,000. Today, the organization employs 18 and has 1.5 million.
  - The organization serves low income immigrants primarily of Hispanic origin as a community center. The center addresses their needs, helps them to understand the system, builds trust, works with the public school system and parents.
  - The center can provide Cultural Sensitivity training to PTOs.
  - Fundraising documentary movie premier at Avon Theatre 1/14/17
- V. Kate & Laura Tobin: PT Council – Maureen Tobin Scholarship Nominating Committee
  - Daughter gave description of her mom's life of volunteerism to Stamford Public schools prior to her death – "no task too small"
  - Looking for people to volunteer on the scholarship committee
- VI. State budget cut to education
  - All schools will face state budget cuts
  - Stamford's state funding has been cut by \$250,000 – cuts less severe than other schools because of our "distressed" designation
  - Amount will be made up by not filling an open data analyst position and left over grant monies.
- VII. HFC follow-up
  - Reach out to PT council for any issues
  - Principal has to sign off. PT councils have to submit paperwork to Hugh Murphy from Central Office.
- VIII. Scam Email
  - Beware of email scam targeting PT councils to set up bank transfers.
- IX. Other business
  - PLTI program recruiting candidates

- Yankee game fundraising opportunity: Flyer to be sent to PT councils.  
Date of game against Orioles is April 30 at 1:00. PT council can purchase tickets on the main level for \$27.50. The suggested selling price is \$40.00. Grand Stand ticket prices can be purchased for \$17.50. The suggested selling price is \$20.
- Next Thursday is the President's meeting hosted by PT Council

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