Fairfield SEPTA General Meeting
Wednesday October 28, 2026
MINUTES
(Link to presentation recording at bottom)

Call to Order: 7:10

General Meeting

- Welcome and introductions
  - President **Christy Vitale**; Secretary **Rhiannon Kogan**; 1st Co-VP Fundraising **Emily Lusk**; 2nd VP Membership **Sarah Gillespie**-Heyman; Treasurer **Aimee Connors**
  - Review/Approve September minutes (Fairfieldsepta.org/reports-and-minutes)
    - Minutes approved

- Membership report
  - Currently 104 members; almost 30% of membership Fairfield staff
  - SEPTA Reps: 9 of 18 schools with parent reps; 5 schools with staff reps
    - **Schools without reps: ECC, Burr, Dwight**, **Sherman, Tomlinson, Warde, Walter Fitzgerald**
    - New volunteers representing Holland Hill and Fairfield Woods
- Budget update: tallying receipts for Trunk or Treat and FCDS, paid CT PTA dues Sept
  - Taxes filed
  - Membership dues sent to CT PTA
- Programming and fundraising
  - Fairfield Celebrates Down Syndrome Day and Trunk or treat success
  - Lyman Orchard Pies/Cookies: **Raised $2431!** More than 55 pies for Operation Hope
  - Nov 18 PICK UP DAY. **We need volunteers for delivery!**
    - 11 am to 5 pm. Must pick up, any pies not picked up will be donated to Operation Hope
    - Teacher who included school details will have their pies delivered to front office. Please make sure you to plan to bring home!
- **SPED Report:** Rob Mancusi, Special Education Executive Director
  - Rob was unable to attend.
- **Other business:**
  - SEPTA Bylaws update in progress. Membership to vote on bylaws at a December or January meeting
  - Teacher Grants to open in November. Watch for staff-wide email with dates!
    - Will send out information on joining the Grants Committee - looking for 5-7 members to review and make decisions on grant approvals.

- **Next meeting: December 2 at McKinley Elementary School**
  - Presentation: "**Mindset Matters: Developing Executive Function Skills Using a Growth Mindset**" workshop hosted by parent coach **Melissa Bildner**, specializing in ADHD and executive functioning

Tonight's Presentation: Adaptive Athletics and Activities Panel presentation and Q&A with our local program directors and coaches (Links to program pages and emails)

- Fairfield Community Services Adaptive Recreation (Michael Pisseri MPisseri@fairfieldCT.gov, Adaptive Recreation Coordinator & Kathy Morehouse F.A.R.KMorehouse@gmail.com , Program Director)
- Fairfield Community Services Hoops for Heroes Basketball (Drew Bickel, Coach bickeldrew@gmail.com)
- GCA Adaptive Edge Program Gymnastics, Ninja, Cheerleading (Brendan Bogan bogen.brendanp@gmail.com)
- Fairfield American Little League Challenger Baseball (Brian Markham Fairfieldredstorm@gmail.com)

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Adjourn: 8:25