

## SSMS PTA Minutes November 20, 2013

1. Welcome
2. Presentation and Acceptance of Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report- on file
4. Fundraiser Update and Thank You to Sue Knab and Audra Cerruto-  
People really enjoyed it, good feedback since this year it was different than previous years. Thank you to the teachers that performed, Kasey's and parents that donated food.
5. Presidents' News- Collected \$202 from Modell's fundraiser. Grant Fund has funded its first grant which was for the Scrabble Club, SSMS hosted the event. We were not invited to the Mineola forum for Common Core discussions. RVC schools have invited legislators and offered to have the next forum here. Mr. Skelos has asked John King but as of now, has not heard back. Dr. J is asking for parents' stories about how their children are handling this new curriculum.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Apparel- New order coming in soon. Apparel is sold at concerts and students in NJHS can get community service hours for helping out.
  - b. D/A Task Force- Had not had meeting yet.
  - c. AIM- Many programs coming in: dancers, authors, art, math game show and an earth science program.
  - d. Picture Day- Retakes are in mid- December.
  - e. Reflections- "Believe-Dream-Inspire" projects are due in December. There is a flyer on our website and can go onto NYSPTA.org.
7. Teacher's Report-The History Club is going to the Intrepid. Ms. Bella is still collecting for the coffee drive. Veterans came into school to talk to students. 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and SS classes had great questions and some 6<sup>th</sup> grade Strat Life classes made cards. The Ski Trip is Jan. 25 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. There are 2 meetings and 2 permission trips.
8. Principal's Report-The Broadway Revue was wonderful! Challenge Day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade is December 3, 4 and 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be discussions about Acceptance/ Tolerance/Diversity amongst students. IPAD distributions are in January for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Middle School Years is ongoing and marries with the good stuff in Common Core. Staff will continue to undergo training.
9. New Business
10. Adjourned