

## SSMS PTA Meeting May 25, 2017

**Welcome:** by Emma Travers at 7:03pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** (K. Garrett) As of April 30, balance was \$29,771.70 with approximately \$20,000 outstanding checks in May. Current balance is \$14,813.00. 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance expenses are approximately \$2000.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance:** (Pegi Connors) Will have DJ, photo booth, lighting, balloon arch & food. Have enough help. Asking for \$10 donations. Email group photos to Alanna Bender for posters. Don't bring pens.

**Vote on Funds for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance:** motion by Karl Garrett, seconded by Alanna Bender for additional \$500 for lighting & DJ. Approved 17-0-0.

**Vote of Summer Spending Authorization:** made by Donna Downing, seconded by Sue Sullivan, 18-0-0.

**Installation of SSMS PTA 2017-2018 Executive Board:** (S. McGinn) Co-presidents- Emma Travers & Irma Altman, VP Fundraising- Josie Milano & Jen Lindner, Treasurer- Faith Varley, Recording Secretary- Pegi Connors Corresponding Secretary- Marie Eckrich, Membership- Stephanie Giangregorio, VP Communications- Anita Meehan, Delegates to Council- Maria Yarris & Michelle Sewell, Alternate Delegate to Council- Alanna Bender, Teacher Reps- Caitlin Keogh & Jackie Giacone, Advisors- Shelagh McGinn & Marie Eckrich

**SSHS PTA Sponsor A Senior:** (D. O'Leary) Collecting \$5/box or \$50/sheet for post prom raffles. Post prom is alcohol & drug free after party to help keep seniors sober prom night. May name a senior or leave blank and the PTA will give raffle to a senior who does not have one. Senior must be present to win. Can give money tonight or take a raffle sheet & mail it to address listed.

**Teachers' Report:** (C. Keogh) 20 yearbooks remaining for cash purchase. (J. Giacone) thank you for teacher breakfast. This week lunch/study had sunscreen safety presentations by a sunscreen company. Patti Barkwill had a student do sunscreen safety for MYP. Company donated 2 jugs of sunscreen and distributed smaller packets. Molly's Fund was mentioned about the dangers of skin cancer.

**Presidents' Report:** (E. Travers) Thank you to all volunteers. We are happier & more fulfilled when part of the community. Always learn something new at these meetings. (M. Eckrich) thank you to Irma as new co-president.

### **Committee Updates:**

**SEP:** (K. Lynch) There are 2 SSMS CORE graduates. June 3, RVC Lions Dinner in the Dark at Hempstead Country Club. Some proceeds will support Mr. Brunetta's special needs park and Challenger. (M. Sewell) go to [RVCLions.edu](http://RVCLions.edu) to donate.

**Apparel:** (A. Bender) \$15 SSMS hats & headbands available.

**Curriculum:** (L. Medeiros) May 11 meeting had MYP project presentation. MYP is inclusive and does not have additional student assessments. SSHS IB does have assessments & testing costs. Only 3 LI middle schools have MYP: SSMS, Long Beach & Commack. MYP's goal is to create learners through interdisciplinary learning by connecting students with the real world. MYP builds critical thinkers and connects all subjects. Teachers think MYP increases language use & the pursuit of learning. Youtube video "What's Your Why" is about motivational aspects. 8<sup>th</sup> grade shared their MYP projects at fair.

Common Core renamed Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS)

Question- why don't kids write script? S. McGinn- kids haven't been required to write in script. Looking into it. Some teachers reinforce script for those kids taking the Catholic School Entrance exam.

Earth Science having notebook quizzes.

**Principals' Report:** (S. McGinn) final week's schedule was mailed & is on the website.. 6<sup>th</sup> grade aquarium trip was good. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bronx Zoo trip was good. 8<sup>th</sup> grade iPads will be collected 6/19 or 6/20. Do repairs before then. Call school with questions. SSMS gave check to Alanna Bender for St. Baldrick's which collected about \$35,000.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Michelle Sewell, seconded by Jean Harris.