

SSMS December PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome!
2. Presentation and Acceptance of Minutes-(Maria/Tammy)
3. Treasurer's report- (on file)
4. Vote on Amended Budget- In the past the PTA has given \$300 to Thanksgiving baskets which helped about 6 children's families for the Holiday. This year due to Superstorm Sandy, this didn't happen. After much discussion with the Executive Board, the decision being brought out is to donate that money to the After School program which services about 20 children. The teachers in charge of that program can purchase food, supplies etc., submit the receipts and get reimbursed. This seems to be a more proper way to spend this money to help these "school dependent" children. Therefore, we voted to amend the budget to allocate \$300 for supplies to the student center for this- unanimous.
5. Teacher's Report- Mrs. Radigan came to speak to the PTA about how much it meant to have so much wonderful help from the parents during the difficult time after the storm when so many staff members were out of their homes. The overwhelming donations, meals, gift cards etc. truly helped so many staff members and their families. A HUGE Thank You from the staff. Also a thank you from Debbie and Kathy to all the families that donated and to Ms. DeLaVega who took charge of the donations. A second wave of help may soon be necessary and then an email blast will go out with ideas about donating cleaning supplies and gift cards.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Fall Fundraiser- (Lisa/Sue) New date is January 29th. Please donate to raffle baskets and come!!!! New invite coming soon.
 - b. Newsletter- (Jill) Newsletter is being distributed during advisory and teachers are using it in their classrooms. A note about still accepting donations will be added.
 - c. D/A Task Force-(Cammie) Possible series of presentations, any ideas please pass along to her. The task force will be branching out to new places: MLK Center, St. Agnes, Temples.
 - d. Picture Day-(Stephanie) Retakes are in.
 - e. Curriculum-(Tricia) All about common core standards that are being implemented in schools
7. President's News- (Debbie/Kathy) Bond Update-vote coming in March. PLEASE go online and get information, as well as, going to Bd. Of Ed. meetings to familiarize yourself with bond issues for all schools. Thank you to Susan and Jennifer for selling apparel.
8. Principal's Report- All going well. Challenge Day went very well. School may purchase Bully movie to show after school. Thank You to all that donated!
9. Adjourned-(Tricia/Maria)

Next PTA meeting- January 16th @ 7:30.