

Central Memorial PTSA Minutes



Regular Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2011 Memorial JHS, Café B, 7:30 PM

Executive Board Members in attendance:

Patty Farrell, Eugenia Michaelides, and Debbie Sorace

Executive Board Members absent: Ray Mohamed, Donnie Roth, Lisa Demas
Vera Grant, Oneka Chan and Jenefer Joseph

Quorum present to conduct business

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm by VP, Eugenia Michaelides

Meeting conducted by Eugenia Michaelides

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited & emergency exits were noted

November 2011 Treasurer's Report presented. No questions.

October and November 2011 minutes approved by Mr. Gunn, 2nd by Mrs. D'Elia

Membership—Eugenia Michaelides reported on behalf of Lisa Demas--413
members

Correspondence—Vera Grant—No correspondence to report

Delegate to Council—Mr. Spezio was in attendance at the last Council meeting
where Rep. Curran discussed the anticipated 4 % rebate from NYS.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Heidenreich

He introduced himself and discussed his experience and familiarity with the
Valley Stream School District. Discussed challenges of school district given new
legislation for upcoming budget year given property tax cut. Budget process will
begin with the first Saturday in January with the building walk throughs.

Teacher's Delegates:

MJHS—Ms. Ginsberg & Ms. Johnson

Topics covered: Holiday songs filling the school—Italian and Spanish classes
participating in song; winter concert upcoming; "mini-concert" by Mens and
Women Choir and Jazz band; Murder by Indecision took place—125 in
attendance each night—Mr. Spezio was the chef; coat drive—World of
Difference; Toys for Tots drive—the donations collected were brought to

neighborhood churches; school dance upcoming—students encouraged to bring a toy; Home and Careers classes working on nutrition; Science classes—

CHS—Covered by Dr. Pompilio in his presentation

Principals' Reports:

CHS—Dr. Pompilio

Topics covered: Dr. Pompilio read the names of the All County Participants; 12/9/11 6 to 10 pm Awareness Night—presentation to be followed by breakout sessions with peer mediators; college admission process in full swing—onsite admissions—5 universities/colleges—150 students applied—over \$1million in scholarships; 12/20 at 7pm Honor Society Inductions.

MJHS—Mr. Mignella

Topics covered: Thank you to Mr. Spezio for his continued service, especially for being the chef for the drama performance; spirit cups fundraiser was successful; dance tomorrow night; Ms. Lopez and Student Council students delivered baskets to local needy families; mid-terms approaching in January—extra help available—20% of 2nd marking period; MAP diagnostic test—going well; 12/17 Coffee Talk—Holiday theme; Guidance Counselors going to feeder schools; parents of free/reduced lunch students—parents entitled to free tutoring—letter will be sent home by District; evening of January 19th vendors providing tutoring services will be available—federal mandate—special ed--specifics will be provided in letter.

Discussion from the Membership:

Tony Spezio provided update on services available via the Valley Stream Teachers Resource Center—conversational Spanish will be offered; asked membership what courses are of interest?; suggestion—social networking—parenting in the 21st century; FBI offers such a program

Annette Gray provided update on Holiday Boutique—December 10. Honor Society students will help out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Recording Secretary
Debbie Sorace