

**NORTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA**

**NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2012**

**OPENING:** PTSA President opened the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 2011 were approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Membership: There are currently 440 members, we have made \$1761 and are a little short of our goal.

Spirit wear: We did well with the Fall offerings. With the expected winter/spring line that will be coming out shortly we should hit our budgeted mark.

Harlem Wizards: We made \$2298.33, more than we expected

Taxes were filed and the NY State PTA Parent group was paid for our membership.

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON PROPOSAL**

Member Kelly Clark mentioned that there is a proposal before the Town of Huntington to build a 7 Eleven in place of Nocello's restaurant on the corner of Waterside Ave. and Route 25A. There is a meeting on November 17, 2011 at the Town of Huntington offices with the Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss a possible variance since this location is not zoned for a free standing convenience store. Kelly passed around a petition and the PTSA voted to make a resolution opposing this proposal.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Hoss discussed the Teams in the school and how well they are working. Teachers and counselors work closely together. It creates an opportunity for teachers to share, collaborate & grow. The kids develop academic and social growth. When kids are on teams they have a sense of belonging. (See page 2 of October Newsletter).

On Superintendent's conference day all teachers got Netbooks with software to develop smart board lesson plans. Mr. Hoss now will implement district initiatives and give staff support.

There was a discussion on bullying and programs in place to address this problem.

#### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

There were over 200 kids in costumes at the Halloween Canteen. Thanks to all the volunteers.

There was a discussion on clubs that are available to students and where to find the information on the website. The Student Council is open to all students and meets every other Wednesday after school.

The Video Game Club will be starting during lunch on Thursday's.

We are looking for a parent representative for the SAVE committee which represents the school on issues of safety and maintenance required on behalf of NMS.

Spirit Wear is in, please contact Masako Mamus to organize a pick-up time.

First cultural arts event for 7th & 8th graders will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup>, and is the Toby Walker Blues

PLANT SALE: Wreaths & Poinsettias through wholesale grower Barella Nursery. Orders can be done online and it is a very nice and high quality product.

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#### BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE:

Lori McCue reported about the NYSBA Convention:

Major point of interest were the following:

The 2% Tax cap and extending the school district boundaries out into the LI Sound so we can tax the Canadian Iroquois pipeline.

Tammie Topel reported on the Drug & Alcohol task force being involved in an online survey for parents in regards to the ongoing problem with drugs in our school.

In response to a member's inquiry on a numerical estimate of the drug cases involved in the district, it was stated that there were 109 drug & alcohol suspensions in the district