

Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the Meeting of October 25, 2016

The meeting of the Stuyvesant PA General Membership was called to order by Co-President Heather Higgins at 7:11 pm on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Welcome

Heather Higgins welcomed all attending parents to the General Meeting.

Minutes

- Without objection, the Minutes of the September 27 2016 PA General Meeting were approved.

Remarks by Interim Acting Principal Contreras

- Interim Acting Principal Eric Contreras discussed several items:
 - a) the PSAT test taken by Juniors and Sophomores in October went well. He noted that many schools only allow for 1 grade to take the test, and that Stuy Alumni funding allowed for sophomores to take the test as well.
 - b) 20 Stuy students had entered the [Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology](#) and that 4 had gone on to become semi-finalists and 1 has gone on to the finalist stage
 - c) 20 students who have entered the [Regeneron Science Talent Search](#) (formerly known as the Intel Science Talent Search) had been paired up with Stuy alumni mentors who would help with the review of their research papers. Submissions are due November 15.
- Mr. Contreras noted that he is enjoying his role. It is hard work and rewarding.

Financial Report

- Treasurer Iris Lam gave a brief financial report. Approximately \$30,729 was raised during September. Expenses were again minimal, with net proceeds totaling \$28,241.
- Copies of the financial report were made available to parents prior to the start of the meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities

- First Vice President Maitland Jones noted that the PA had sufficient parent volunteers for the upcoming Faculty Reception, but still needed people to prepare or bring desserts.
- Other upcoming events are noted in the Agenda that was handed out prior to the meeting.
- If interested in volunteering for various PA events, please send an email to Volunteers@stuy-pa.org.

PA Elections

- Elections for several PA positions were conducted for certain open Member At-Large and Freshman SLT Rep positions. PA Second Vice President John Wehba and other parent volunteers supervised the election process.
- Each candidate provided some written background information to the attendees, and was given a chance to speak at the meeting.
- Votes were tallied after the meeting, and the election results have been posted to the PA website at Stuy-Pa.org.
- Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated.

- As a reminder, there are other volunteer opportunities with the PA apart from the elected positions. Hopefully all candidates will continue to be active and involved at Stuy.

Guest Speaker: Michael Motto on College Admissions

- Mr. Motto is a college admissions consultant who formerly worked in Yale's college admissions office.
- Mr. Motto discussed the college application and admissions process in great detail, and gave his perspective regarding how college admissions officers view various components of a candidate's application. Mr. Motto views the college application as a student's opportunity to paint a portrait to tell their story.
- Following his remarks, a Question and Answer session was held as well.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ross Weiner, Recording Secretary

Note: The PA Website can be found at Stuy-PA.org