**P.S. 162 PTA Minutes for the meeting held on**

**Wednesday, December 9th, 2015**

 Ms. Kaufman (UFT Representative) and Mrs Strassberg Parent Coordinator) were excused

Meeting commenced at 7:06 p.m.

**Updates from Linda Lovett (PTA Co-President)**

* Linda welcomed everybody. Financials were reviewed. The art teacher made a request for $432.65 for supplies for the art room. A motion to approve this request was made, seconded and passed. Linda added that we should consider adding a line to allot money to the art teacher in future meetings.
* Treasurer’s report was presented. Everyone was asked to review the financial report and a motion to approve it was made and seconded. Vote was passed and approved.
* A motion to approve the minutes from November 2016 was made, seconded and passed. The minutes from November 2015 were approved.
* Linda reported on Presidents’ Council Meeting. She announced that she was elected Presidents’ Council Co-President. Presidents’ Council will be drafting a letter to legislators addressing issues in our district such as over-crowdedness, lack of funding as we do not have Title I schools, access to trips, boarding issues etc. Linda encouraged the members of the PTA to email her with any issues that parents feel should be brought up to said legislators.

**Update from Mrs. Lee (School Principal)**

* Mrs. Lee noted that the instructional focus will be on focusing on career readiness and college preparation in an elementary school way. Children will learn to be more independent and more aware of and responsible of their own learning.
* To discuss the instructional focus an any specific grade concerns. “Sip and Chat” sessions with the principal will begin in January beginning with 5th grade. Please try to attend these sessions.
* Mrs. Lee thanked the PTA for their support.

 **Mrs. Schweiger**

* With the assistance of Ms. Shinn, Mrs. Schweigerheld the Great Citizens Awards Ceremony.

Linda encouraged the parents to participate in the up and coming Holiday Boutique.

The Projector is in the process of being fixed. We will then have a Family Movie Night. Please try to attend.

The Lice Committee needs volunteers. There have been a number of kids with lice. Please help us prevent an outbreak by volunteering to check.

A raffle took place: $5 dollars a ticket. Winners: Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Ho, Ms Galante, and Alvin He

 Meeting Adjourned at 735PM