



**General Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2013**

1. Call to Order: Co-President Adam Stern commenced tonight's meeting at 7:20 PM.

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2. Welcome: I.A.P. Jean Donahue greeted the parents and made a few announcements:

Ms. Donahue complimented the students on their performances in the Death of a Salesman program.

Ms. Donahue announced that the Debate team had recently won 3 championships.

Ms. Donahue reported that the Senior Research Students were completing their Intel materials. These will be on display at an event in January, 2014, date T.B.D.

3. Approval of the November, 2013 Minutes: Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.

4. Treasurer's Report: Co-President Stern, reporting for Treasurer Martha Stratis, reported on the status of the FY 2013 report. Mr. Stern reported that the Phone-A-Thon has raised \$132,150 to date. Income to date is \$150,370 (of a projected \$203,000 budget). Expenses to date are \$100,432.

5. Announcements:

Mr. Stern provided a C-30 update. He announced that the C30 Committee selected 2 finalists. Mr. Stern reported that no final selection has been made to date. He is hoping an appointment will be made by the end of the current school year.

Mr. Stern announced that the Ralph Bacoti Basketball tournament will be held on December 21st. The PA will be selling shirts and refreshments. The tournament consists of teams from Bronx high schools. Mr. Stern urged all to support the tournament.

Mr. Stern announced, and expressed regret, that the Intel dinner had to be cancelled due to the weather. He explained that the purpose of the event is to celebrate the accomplishments of all the participants before mid-January when the awards are announced. In terms of rescheduling, there has been discussion about doing a different type of celebration. IAP Donohue will check the school calendar for a possible day in early January for a potential celebration.

6. Kim S. Kleinman, LCSW: Preparing for College

Ms. Kleinman, a noted teacher and psychotherapist (and parent of a Science grad!) spoke on managing high school stress and fostering college readiness. She addressed a variety of topics including, but not limited to:

- identifying skills to foster
- untangling parent and child separation issues
- anticipating teen trouble areas
- what to do in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12 grades
- handling the push for more freedom

The power-point presentation may be viewed at the PA website at: <http://bxsciencepa.org/>

A Q&A session with Ms. Kleinman followed her discussion.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.