

## MINUTES FROM SEPTA MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2010

Meeting was called to order and the minutes from December 8, 2009 were approved.

**Membership:** 263 up from 260 in December.

Programming: March meeting - Lena Martino address recent settings and New York care for students with disabilities and autism.

Cynthia Lanza, Director of New York State care for Hudson Valley – different types of residence for children with disabilities in the future.

**Correspondence:** Thank you from Melissa Schur for sponsoring special ed trip for Ann Hutchinson kids to the train show at the NY Botanical Gardens. There were 36 students and 22 teachers that attended.

The Autism Acceptance Book was passed around. The book is now being used by Mrs. Cherry and sue Levine for the Peer Mentoring program. The book helps mentors to have a better understanding of kids with autism.

**Co-President:** Lord and Taylor final number share of proceeds was 2,035.00.

**Grant requests approved:** In addition to movie day a teaching mat was purchased for Mrs. Porta and Mrs. Schur. An exercise mat was purchased for Anne Hutchinson. A small refrigerator was purchased for Chris Walpol. County Appliances donated a microwave as well.

**New business:** We are in the process of negotiating a date and place for a bowling day for family and friends. Hoping to have it in March. Two games would be played. The event would take place at either White Plains Bowl or Homefield Bowl. When date and place are set a flyer will be sent out.

**Two upcoming local events:** Karaoke at Mickey Spillane's – no date yet.

Mickey Spillane's 2010 golf outing on Sept 14.  
Proceeds to SEPTA.

Meeting adjourned.

Christina Hift - guest speaker – M.D., F.A.A.P. Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine