



**General Meeting
April 23, 2014 9:00 AM
Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

2. March minutes approved.

3. Principal's Report:

Bob will likely be adding 8 staff members next year.

4. Parent coordinator:

Kindergarten registration begins May 7. Parents will be given appointments May 7-13 to come in and register. They must bring their children, along with documents certifying their identify, residency, immunization, and so forth.

Information on yearbook ads will be out this week.

5. President's report.

Robin Broshi has joined the District 2 community education council, acting in an advisory role with DOE. A meeting will be held Monday at 6:30 to discuss student funding formulas, kindergarten registration, and other issues of interest to the public, who will have a chance to speak.

6. Fundraising report

Scott reports that more than 400 tickets have been sold to the gala. The gala will feature two DJs, many food options, and a string duo. Larry reports that the silent auction goes live today, and new items will be going up all the time. About 400 items have been donated so far. There will be a live auction at the gala, and the silent auction will run through May 12th.

Raffle tickets will be for sale outside the school every morning.

Rachel needs volunteers for the afternoon of May 5th, before the gala, and more help on the following day to bring everything back to P.S. 11. Those volunteers will be needed from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. She also needs volunteers to help with the raffle.

Jamie reported that we reached 86% participation in the annual fund, including more than \$10,000 from Amazon. \$266,000 has been raised for the annual fund so far. A dozen or so classes have reached 100% participation.

7. SLT report

Kristin reports that the SLT will take nominations at the next general meeting. The SLT is also looking for parents and teachers to work on a CEP for the school; literacy workshops; and parent outreach.

The team is also discussing a facts night for parents of boys and girls. A poetry night is planned for May 29th. And a Curriculum Connection program on summer reading.

The SLT will help with kindergarten registration beginning May 7th. It needs volunteers.

8. Treasurer's report

The Washington D.C. trip for the fifth graders is being planned. The costs have increased from \$10,000 to \$26,500, to cover the costs. Money is being moved around from other budgets.

The budget for the gala has doubled to \$28 000 to cover increased food and other costs for the increased number of attendees.

Jamie reports that the by-laws have been revised, and the executive board will be enlarged by a few positions. A meeting will be held in the cafeteria tomorrow to approve the by-laws.

Kathryn Crosby reports that a new nominating committee has been formed, which includes Kathryn, Mike Farrah, Colette, Starker, and David Friedman. Their job is to find parents willing to join board; and to get a larger slice of the community on the PTA board. For more information or to volunteer, email **ptaps11@gmail.com**.

New business

Alex reports that the Fairway program is about to begin with a trial run of a few board members. May 1 is the official rollout.

She is working on a way to distribute cards to parents, and starting next September, cards will be given to all new parents. Three percent of what is spent comes back to the school.

She is also looking for other corporate partners and has already discussed plans with several of them.

Jay Lehman, a Chelsea gallery owner, is planning a fundraising auction featuring young artists. The auction is scheduled to go live around May 15th, and it will close June 1.

Rachel reports that the next book fair will be May 28th-30th.

Brad reports that the spring crafts festival will be held on May 31st. Ms. Garro will be among the featured performers.

*-minutes taken by Paul Raeburn,
Co-recording secretary*