



FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PS 11 PTA
General Meeting
May 21, 2014 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order: 9:09 a.m.

Approval of April's Minutes

Principal and Parent Coordinator's Reports No report from either at this meeting. Principal Bob Bender could not attend. Parent Coordinator Stephen McGill, who was going to give both reports, was out sick.

Nominations for PTA Executive Board Positions for Next Year
(Kathryn Crosby, nominations committee chair)

Co-Presidents: Nicole Dorrell and Jamie Sowlakis
Co-VP of Community Programs: Heather Zicko and Corrine Piscariu
Co-VP of Community Events: Alexandra Levi and Holly Corbett
Co-VP of Community Membership: Rachel Glube and Colby Trane
Co-Recording Secretary: Elizabeth DeVita-Raeburn and Paul Raeburn
Co-Corresponding Secretary: Sonal Patel and **OPEN**
Co-VP of Fundraising: Yasmine Mahdavi and Sarah Frankfurt
Co-Treasurer: Todd Parmett and Laura Riccardo
Assistant Treasurer: **OPEN**

***Note: Positions are open for an assistant treasurer and a co-communications secretary. The nominations are closed for this year. Those interested in these positions can be nominated and voted upon at a general meeting in the fall.**

School Leadership Team (SLT) Nominations

There are three openings this year. At this meeting, three people were nominated. A vote will take place next week. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, email the SLT before next week's meeting. You can reach them through the SLT tab on the PS11 website by clicking on "Email the PS11 SLT."

Nominees:

***Tori Lyon.** Current member. Son 3rd grade daughter 1st grade. She has been on the SLT for 3 years and is running again. Her focus has been on school safety and wellness.

***Anu Agrawal.** Parent of a 4th and 1st grader. Has been a class parent and library volunteer and wants to take it to the next level. She loves issues related to curriculum. Additionally, she would like to focus on getting kids more into current events at age appropriate levels and helping kids cope with stress, especially that evoked by testing.

***Ben Caldwell.** Parent of a 3rd grader. Last year he served as the person appointed to be the liaison between the PTA and SLT. He now wants to be on the SLT as a full member “to help the school continue to grow the way it’s been growing the last several years.”

President’s Report (Jamie Sowlakis and Nicole Dorrell)

Teacher appreciation. Lunch for teachers is booked Bocca di Baco on June 5th.

Color Run. Saturday July 5th. A school-wide email with more information will be sent out.

Fundraising Report (Sarah Frankfurt)

Goal met. We are on target to net 650K for the year

Annual Fund. We have received 270k in donations to the annual fund, including March Matchness. That brings the annual fund to 295K. Monthly contributions are still coming in. We had several company matches which haven’t showed up yet, so at least another 10k coming in.

Participation. We have 86% in school wide participation in contributions to the annual fund.

Amazon. Earnings are slightly over \$12,500 for the year.

Google. We received two Google grants—one for just under 5K for robotics, the other for 10k for STEM.

Auction Gala (Scott Coscia and Larry Mills)

Overall...Some things worked and some things needed tweaking. It was a great party. The same place has already been booked for next year on May 4th. The Gala will have a Star Wars theme.

Attendance. In previous year 288 people, this year sold 620 tickets and 550 attended.

Numbers. The online auction is still live until tonight, so there are no final numbers for that. We are 40K already on Bidding for Good. Charity Buzz is live until May 29th.

-Breakdown of earnings for the Gala evening

Silent auction: over 15K

Live auction: 68K.

Wine Pull: 4,500.

\$100 raffle: 3K.

Giving tree: 3,800.

Admissions and sponsorship: 40k.

Merchandise: nearly 2k.

Raffle: 8,600.

Total for the event: nearly 150K

SLT Report (Ben Caldwell)

Poetry Night. Thursday May 29th. It will be held in the auditorium at 6:30. Doors will open at 6:15.

Enrichment program form. SLT is trying to set up an enrichment program protocol. Stems from the fact that the SLT and Bob get overwhelmed with great ideas for extra programs in the school. The SLT is setting up a form that people with ideas can fill out and send to Bob and the SLT as a way to formalize and streamline that process.

School safety. SLT is reviewing safety policy on field trips.

Sign. SLIT is still working on getting a school zone sign on 21st street. They are also working on making the 22nd street exit doors safer.

Kindergarten playground. The little yard needs work. If anyone wants to work on a weekend--painting, scraping, fixing—see or email the SLT.

Treasurer's Report (Jamie Sowlakis)

We have a budget meeting May 28th. It's an executive board meeting, open to all members of the PTA (i.e. all PS11 parents). The 2015/2015 budget arrived at at that meeting will be brought to a vote at the June 11th general meeting.

Volunteers report: (Rachel Glube)

Volunteers needed For Several Events. Book fair (5/27-5/30), Poetry night (5/29), Spring Crafts Fair (May 31st, a Saturday), PreK and 5th Grade Graduation (6/18 and 6/19).

Library volunteer. We need a library volunteer for next year.

Contact Rachel Glube if you would like to volunteer for one of these events or check it out over the next few weeks and see what it's like. ps11volunteer@gmail.com

New Business

Fairway. (Alex Levi) Sign up to get your shopping card--3% of every dollar spent at Fairway comes to PS11 school. You can go to the PS11 website, click on the Fairway logo, and it will take you to the sign up form. Within 10 days the card will be in your mailbox. The cards are for anyone who is willing to use them to benefit our school--use social media to spread the word, and ask your relatives and neighbors to sign up for one as well. There are a couple of double credit days coming up (6% rather than 3%). An email blast will go out to notify people in advance.

Paddle8. (Alex Levi) It's a fine art going on to sell artworks donated to PS11, the proceeds of which will come to PS11. We need to get the word out. The link to the auction is on the PS11 website. Send it out to your email lists/social media, especially if you're in the design community.

Spring Craft Fair. (Brad Grossman) If anyone has place in their building where they can put up a poster, see/email Brad. bhgrossman@aol.com

K&G towel. (Brad Grossman) If you did not get a K&G towel, there are extras for purchase for every grade except first. bhgrossman@aol.com

Young artists. (Halla Elias and Nancy Chinchar)

The show. The event was great. An email went out this a.m. re: when people can pick up art from the gallery. If you can't make the date, contact Nancy and Halla and let them know. nancyc212@yahoo.com

Lost and Found. (Colby Trane). We need a volunteer to take on maintenance next year. It takes about an hour once a week. See/email Colby to volunteer/be trained. colby.trane@gmail.com

Garden committee. Has received 1k grant from The Council on the Environment.

5th Grade Graduation Chair. We need a volunteer to oversee this event. If you are interested please contact Jamie Sowlakis or Nicole Dorrell.

ps11ptapresident@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Fair. (Kathryn Crosby)

It begins next Tuesday. Parents should have gotten a flyer sent letting them know which day their child will be attending. Please send money in that day for your child to purchase a book. If you or child forgets, or you don't have it right now, the PTA will cover one book for each child. There will also be a box at the register for donations. The book fair will be open for parent shopping Thursday evening during Poetry Night and also on May 30th, Family Friday.

Meeting adjourned: 9:44 a.m.