



PS 11 PTA General Meeting

June 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 9:05AM

10 Executive Board members

18 General members

28 PTA members in attendance

Approval of May Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the May '11 meeting was approved.

Auction Update

Robin Zachary: Thank you for helping with the auction. It was a great success. The online auction ended Sunday. The online auction has made an estimated \$22,808, which surpassed last year. For the evening event, it is a bit under \$110,000. The total is around \$130,000 for the whole event so far. People still need to pick up their auction items. The online auction items can be picked up in the cafeteria. Thank you for being part of the auction. Every year it keeps growing and this year we had a record number of items, around 570. Our goal for next year is to get the online auction out to friends and family members.

Executive Board Vote

Alessandra Reiss-Meyers: The nominations for the EB committee are in and I would like to announce the new committee. There are two positions to be filled in the fall, which are the members-at-large. The Co-Presidents will be Juan Brea and Katherine Crosby, Co-Treasurers are Fran Genesi and Todd Parmett, Co-First Vice Presidents are Gigi Karabinakis and Sue Burke, Communications Secretary is Elinor Johnston, Co-Recording Secretaries are Lindsay Wilson and Suzanne Kelson. The Second Vice President positions need to be filled. The SLT Liaison is voted on in September.

School Leadership Team Nominations/Vote

Vicki Arbitrio: There are two positions open to the SLT, which is a two-year term. Let's open the floor to nominations. The meetings are once a month, usually 3:30pm to 5:30pm on Thursdays. We do events like Mac n' Cheese and also the CEP—the Comprehensive Education Plan, which is how the curriculum is laid out. The nominations are Kristin Barnes and Dara Genesi.

Scholastic Book Sales Update

Abby Koreto: The Scholastic Book Sale was a great success—over \$8,000 in book sales was made. Thank you to Kathryn Crosby. It was so successful we will do it again twice next year. We get a percentage of sales from Scholastic as credit. Thank you to those who volunteered at the event.

Treasurer's Report

Keith Morton: There are three sets of documents that I have handed out. Two are this year's budget to date and then the auction. We have spent a little under \$200,000 for our children, which is \$27,00 less than we anticipated on spending. The live auction plus the raffle made around \$82,000. The ticket sales made around \$12,505 and around \$3,800 for the NY Charities estimate. We spent about \$1,500 for the event. Other expenses were for Greater Giving fees, the iPad and the raffle, which totaled under \$8,000. The net raised estimate today is around \$91,485. Next year we will spend about \$210,000 in programs. The anticipated budget for next year will be around \$237,000, which is about \$26,000 more. The enrichment activities will be an extra \$11,000.

2011/2012 Budget Vote

Abby: Let's vote for the budget itself and fundraisers—we as the PTA vote for this. Budget was approved for the 2011/2012 year. The treasurers do a full-time job, so please let's thank Keith and Fran.

Principal's Report

Bob: Parents will be told on the 10th about the Pre-K seats. I will have the list on the 13th. The Gifted and Talented placements will be sent out to parents on the 17th and I will receive the list on the 20th. The 3rd/4th/5th grades pass/fail will be available to me on Monday.

Thank you for electing Kristin Barnes. She is rebuilding our website with Elinor Johnston. The new website will be ready on July 1.

There is no school on Thursday the 9th and there is a half day on Monday the 13th. It's a half day on the last day of school. The teachers are planning for next year. The K&G Pay It Forward Program will be going on in the next couple of weeks, where the students go out into the city to perform random acts of kindness. For example, the Kindergarten students will sing at the Highline. The first grade will be going to Central Park to make fans for people.

We are still interviewing for teacher positions and we have no idea if there will be teacher layoffs. We can't officially hire anyone yet, but we are building classes for next year. The students will meet their new teachers on June 24. Every grade will have a common supply list and it will be available on our website and the students will also receive a copy of the list on the 24th.

From today until the end of the year we are packed with activities, so please check your child's home folders every night. Thank you—it's been an amazing year. We can't do it without you.

Parent Coordinator Report

Stephen McGill: We are mandated to have a Safety Plan Committee with Bob, Karen, me, the head custodians, the afterschool and the Ryan Center. Thank you for heeding those rules. We have to file a safety plan with the Fire and Police Departments. Please bring us any questions you may have.

Bob: The ambulance response time to our school has not been great. The ambulance has been slow since they closed down St. Vincent's. We've had about 5-6 ambulance calls this year. We don't know what we can do about it.

Stephen: There is an off-site evacuation site but we are not permitted to tell the parents where it is. If something does happen, you will be called but please don't rush to the school. Call 311. We have a building response in place to keep students safe. You can sign up with the Department of Education to receive alerts or texts.

SLT Report

Kristin Barnes: The new CEP has arrived and we hammered it out in June. The Potluck Dinner and Dance will be Friday, June 24 from 6:00-8:00pm. The Pay it Forward Initiative is happening and we are totally revamping the PS 11 website.

Volunteer Opportunities

Abby: There are lots of volunteer opportunities for June.

Alessandra: We need parent volunteers for Field Day. We need strong people to fill and carry water, hand out water, move kids and help teachers keep control. Students should wear sunscreen, their PS 11 T-shirts and bring water and an old towel to sit on out on the sidewalk. This event is for grades 1-5 and it takes place in the schoolyard.

Robin: We need some help with follow-up auction work. We need people who can ship items from their work and we also need hands to move boxes out of the PTA office.

Elinor: We need help with the Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 5 ceremonies. We need volunteers to help set up and decorate.

Abby: For next year's Fall Festival we will need help. We start working on it during the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM.
Minutes taken by Barbara Cornell Chávez