



**PTA General Meeting
February 25, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

Meeting began: 9:04

Approval of January minutes

Presidents' Report (Nicole Dorrell and Jamie Sowlakis)

Spring Gala. (Larry Mills and Scott Coscia)

The gala is May 4th. The theme of the gala is Havana Nights. There will be a one-day ticket sale on April 1st during which tickets will be sold for \$50 per ticket. After that, the price will be \$100 a ticket. You can sell ten raffle tickets to earn a free ticket. Volunteers are needed for everything from data entry to soliciting contributions and coordinating ticket sales. To volunteer email: PS11auction@gmail.com

Principal's Report (Bob Bender)

Recess. We are getting the kids outside as soon as the weather makes it possible. It's been too icy lately.

Interns. We've been working with some incredible interns. (Introduces Michelle, principal in training, and Regina, vice principal in training, who are working together.)

Spirit Day. Friday is Compliment Day. Every child will be given a white t-shirt and a fabric marker. Throughout the day they will have opportunities to write compliments on each other's shirt.

Family Friday. It's this Friday 2/27.

African Dance. The 3rd grade will be performing their African Dance on Family Friday.

Show Me Videos. The PS11 website now has math tutorials online. The teachers have been making videos about math topics and strategies appropriate for each grade and posting them online. To find them, go to the PS11 website and click on the PS11 Show Me icon on the right hand side of the page. In the future, the videos will also address other areas of the curriculum. If you would like strategy videos created, please submit a recommendation for a video by clicking on the appropriate button on the page.

Fundraising (Sarah Frankfurt)

Annual Fund. We're doing well. We have a match coming up. You will see forms coming home in the home folders. We need to get to 85% participation (we are now at 51%) in order to earn the match. There will be prizes. If your child's class gets to 100% participation they get to visit the treasure chest.

Comedy for a Cause (Dara Gottfried)

The Comedy for a Cause fundraiser was an enormous success. Thank you so much to all who helped. Scott Land, who performed at Comedy for a Cause Kids, plans to return to do the show next year.

*Financial details available upon request.

SLT Report (Paul Raeburn)

CEP. We're on track to meet our goals with the CEP for the year.

Science Fair. It was very successful and will be back next year.

Curriculum Connection. We had a curriculum connection focused on math testing recently.

SLT Book Club. The second round is in progress. If you are interested in participating you can still get in. Email Robin Broschi and she will put you in a group. PS11slt@gmail.com.

Architecture Night. March 25th at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Kids will build a box city. The theme will be "A New Vision for Chelsea." We are looking for volunteers, designers, engineers and architects to help the kids. Closer to the event we will be looking for a lot of boxes from everybody.

Treasurer's Report (Michael Goldsman)

Update. Everything is going well. We have several matches pending.

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Community Programs Report (Corinne Piscariu and Heather Zicko)

Robotics. On March 14th the FLL team will be competing at the Javits Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come to cheer and support the teachers as well as see the other exhibits.

Young Artists. (Nancy Chinchar). Sign up is going on right now. Those with computers are asked to sign up online. Those families that do not have computers are receiving sign up sheets via children's backpacks. Go to the school website to see the list of classes and sign up. Sign up ends this week and will be taken off the website Thursday at 10 a.m. We still need a couple of assistants, if you have free time in the morning or during lunch. Email: PS11youngartists@gmail.com

New York International Children's Film Festival. For every ticket purchased by our community, \$3 goes back to the school.

Farm to Table. They need volunteers Thursday mornings for classroom activities and for planting.

Chess. We're sending a team to Saratoga for the state championships this weekend. There will also be a tournament this weekend at PS11. Volunteers to help sell food are needed.

Community Events Report (Alex Levi and Liz Danneels)

Produce supplier. We are looking for a produce supplier for our cooking classes. If anyone has a connection at Chelsea Market or anywhere like that please let us know.

Fairway. We're raising some funds there. If you haven't reached out for a card please do.

Corporate Partnerships. If you own a company or work for one that gives money out for causes please reach out to us because we'd like to talk to them about supporting our school.

Tea Towels. The annual tea towel fundraiser (featuring self portraits, organized by grade) is about to begin. A flyer will go out in backpacks this week. They will be delivered in time for mother's day.

Paddle 8. (Jay Lehman). The auction preview went live yesterday. You can go online and see it at Paddle8.com or on the main fundraising page of the PS11 website. We have 24 lots with a total retail value of 85k.

Camp Auction. There are camps up for auction on Bidding for Good and they are all at a bargain rate right now. It will end March 5th. If you have a camp that would like to donate we can still add them to the list.

Community Membership (Colby Trane and Rachel Glube)

Box Tops. We need volunteers to help count Box Tops.

Teacher help. Ms. Wurman could use help with the dance floor. It's a one-time thing after school or on a weekend. Ms. Debbie who runs the cooking in the classroom program needs help on certain dates during the school day. Please contact us for more information at PS11volunteer@gmail.com.

Lego Robotics. We are looking for a new coach or a new assistant coach. If you'd like to work with kids as a team or have a background in engineering and architecture contact us.

Coin Drive. It went really well. It came down to the wire. We'll do it again next year.

Fifth Grade Play. Peter Pan Jr. will be performed on March 27th and 28th. Ms. Sarah needs quite a few things as far as props and costumes. Wooden toy chests and a ship's wooden steering wheel have been particularly challenging finds. A list and sign up sheet circulated during the meeting. Please contact Ms. Sarah if you have pirate attire or the other items.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:48 a.m.