

# PTA GENERAL MEETING 11.16.18

## Minutes:

- October minutes were approved

## SLT report:

- Planning is in the works for the November family Friday - fun project in works.
- Book club finished the previous book and had a great discussion.
- Next book is called *We Are Not Yet Equal* - please pick it up and participate.
  - Focus is on racial justice and equity.

## Principals report:

- Parent teacher conferences wrapping up.
- Portfolios again in Jan - in Jan this is when you get the first recorded "grade"
- PTA supported programs update:
  - Great middle school fair weds night.
  - K, 1, and 2 started enrichment.
  - 4th working with NYC ballet - going to attend Nutcracker.
  - 3rd grade show next week Tues and Weds.
- Mr Bender is looking for an amazing reading and math intervention teacher - can't find anyone great.
  - 2 day a week position. Please pass any referrals to Mr. Bender.

## Presidents report - ([ps11ptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)):

- Fall festival - WOW! The best day for the kids and families. Huge thank you to ALL involved.
  - Over 200 volunteers to pull off the day - thank you!
- Mr Bender communicates emergencies via the Emergency remind app - if you don't already have it please follow the directions below to sign up to receive texts from Mr. Bender.
  - Text **81010** (as the phone number) - with **@6Gk8HE** (all lowercase in the subject). You will receive a confirmation that you are now signed up.

## Finance - ([ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)):

- Reviewed financials through the end of October
- Fall fest though end of oct for Fall fest \$10,141 in gross revenue
- DC trip cost about \$25,000
- Chairpersons for events of clubs - we are standardizing the way the report is kept. Templates will be passed out with the expectations.

## Student council report:

- Gabriel Peterson (Student Council President) & Mia Sanzel (Student Council VP).
- Couple of ideas to share.
- Goal to try to make the school a better and more safe environment to learn.

## Fundraising - ([ps11annualfund@gmail.com](mailto:ps11annualfund@gmail.com)):

- Annual fund donations are well over \$80k.
- Big Washington DC trip requires big checks - if you are considering donating, now is the time.

- Participation is not at 50% yet- it's currently in the 30s - need to get to 50% by 12/15 in order to trigger the generous match of \$25,000! Please donate as soon as you can.
- 3 new fundraising opportunities to consider:
  - **Dicksons** turkeys giving 11% back - buy your Thanksgiving turkey and raise \$ for PS11.
  - **Minted** - buy your holiday cards is through the end of nov - get 15% discount and Minted donates the 15% to PS11 - use the code **FUNDRAISEPS11WTHS** .
  - **Athleta** - free gift wrap giving back to PS11 - more communication will be coming - event in December - be on the lookout.
- Amazon - the continued reminders are working! Our Amazon numbers are up! Keep up the good work and make sure you go through the banner on the PS11 website to make sure the donation to the school is made. Remember when it comes to holiday gifts!
- **REMINDER** - Make sure when you make your annual fund gift you inquire about corp matching at your company.

### **Events - ([ps11ptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)):**

- THANK YOU TO ALL - Fall Fest was amazing!!!!
- **Trivia Night** event big success will be doing it again next year.
- **Comedy For A Cause** - in Feb - underway here with planning and organization.
  - Tickets go on sale Tuesday December 18th - they go fast so get your tickets!
- **Camps Auction**- summer camps auction in March. Opportunity to bid on and win discounts and deals on many summer camps.
  - 50 camps donate - from a month free to a buy one get one free camps run for 2 weeks in march.
- **Gala** kickoff meeting 12/6 in cafeteria in the evening. More info to follow.
  - Gala is on May 13th this year.
  - Spring auction - more later.
  - Looking future leadership on the gala.

### **Programs - ([ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)):**

- **Book fair** - AMAZING!!! record sales of \$16k.
  - \$509 in donations - amazing.
  - \$3,450 in scholastic dollars that are spent to give books to classrooms and library.
- **Farm to table** - thank you so much to everyone who helped on garden work day.
- **Merchandise** - lots of opportunities to buy PS11 merch for the holidays.
- **Young Artists** - really exciting list of classes . parent volunteer led art program.
  - Jan 14th -Mar 15th - parent led classes. 15 classes offered with cool options.
  - Need assistants! 8 needed - go to the volunteer [ps11youngartists@gmail.com](mailto:ps11youngartists@gmail.com).
  - Sign up for classes for first week in December.
- **Fifth grade Spelling Bee** - won by 2 4th graders.
- **Chess Team** - competing this weekend.
  - 20 kids competing in nationals - on one on the national team.
- **Lego robotics** in full swing.

### **Membership - ([ps11volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ps11volunteer@gmail.com)):**

- Thank again for your help at fall festival!
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities: Young Artists, Athleta gift wrap, Merch sales.

### **Communications - ([ptaps11@gmail.com](mailto:ptaps11@gmail.com)):**

- Sign up for emails! Lots going on - make sure to stay up to date.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:42am.**