



SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting

April 11, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- Meeting opened at 9:01am

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Presidents shared a video from some experts about the PS11 Gala <https://ps11chelsea.org/listen-to-these-ps11-experts/>
- Gratitude for the parent volunteers for the 5th grade musical
- PS11 news! Reduced class size request:
 - PS11 received approval for all classes
 - School received funding for 10 additional teachers
 - New classes will be opening in every grade K-5 (not Pre-K)
 - Every grade level will have 6 classrooms now, including 3 G&T classes per grade
 - Classrooms will be reopened and need some additional work getting them back into operating condition
- PS11 Potluck - June 20 - open to all PS11 families; some volunteer efforts will be needed
- SLT Lunch & Learn occurred last week

President's Report – Joanna Cohn Weiss & Pia Padukone (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- New PS11 merch on website: <https://ps11chelseanyc.square.site/>
- March 2025 General Meeting minutes - voted to approve <https://ps11chelsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/GM-Notes-03-14-25.pdf>
- Family Liaison meeting will be set up from Joan Brothers after the break to review end of year and next year setup
- Call for candidate interest for PTA Executive Board positions; nominations can be sent to ps11nominatingcom@gmail.com; at next month's meeting a slate of candidates will be presented to the full PTA
- 11 for 11 volunteer celebration coming up (11 hours of volunteer service to PS11 per year)

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers

- Kindergarten registration started-must come in person to complete enrollment
- Middle school admissions were sent out on April 9th at myschools.org and letters were sent home
- Please email Christine if you are enrolling your child in private school so they can be unenrolled

Treasurer's Report – Peggy Kauh & Eleanor Sze (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- March 2025
 - Total Fundraising - \$66,535
 - Total Expenses - \$4,653
 - Net Fundraising - \$64,276
 - Net Income - \$59,625
- YTD
 - Total Fundraising (Net) - \$348,480 (63%)
 - Total Funding- \$423,635
 - Net Income - \$(75,128)

Fundraising Report - Becker Chase & Jax Cohen (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- Bender Bars are coming! Link for purchases: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bender-bars-2025-centennial-edition>
- \$552,625 Net is our FY25 goal (~70% from Annual Fund, ~20% auctions and events)
- We are currently at 62.65% of our 100% fundraising goal (76% of our YTD goal)
- \$206,000 remaining to reach our annual goal
- Student enrichments donations can be made at ps11pta.givingfuel.com/annual-fund
- Questions about donations can be sent to give@PS11pta.org

Events Report - Amanda Moskowitz & Jess Kahn (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Spring Gala will be on May 20th with “100 years” as the theme. Will be held at Slate on W 21st.
- \$150 per ticket; tickets can be purchased at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/win-a-affle-ticket-to-the-2025-gala>
- Teacher donation tickets also available for purchase
- Auction team looking for volunteers for spring gala auction to source experiences, gift cards, service and items to list for our silent auction; can be submitted to the silent auction at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5j3FVAp8upv98NcBmfvG2GmKILo-ob6X4pgvT5g8X5MUHcA/viewform>
- Please reach out to Jess and Caroline at auctions@ps11pta.org for questions and donations for the auction
- Push for next years volunteer team; reach out directly to events team at ps11ptaevents@gmail.com

Membership Report - Kristina Hammond & Kiran Patel (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- Looking for volunteer and co-chair positions this year:
- 100th Day, KG&G, Library, Field Day, AV for school shows, yearbook, PS11 Post, Lost & Found, and Math Club
- Interested parties please reach out to: ps11volunteer@gmail.com or go to PS11 digest emailed on April 6th to select the QR code for signups

Programs Report - Shelley O'Sullivan & Tara Murphy (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Young artists gallery show is going to be Sunday April 27, 2025 from 1pm-4p at Pace Prints located at 536 W 22nd St.
- Garden work day was last Saturday, April 5. 20 volunteers helped! One more coming up on May 3rd (9am-12pm)
- Deadline is Monday, April 14 for 5th grader yearbook ads at midnight; email ps11yearbook@gmail.com
- Link for photos to be submitted to the yearbook: <https://www.buytheyearbook.com/en/bty/findmyschool>.
- Login information is ps11yearbook@gmail.com, password:ps112025!

Communications Report - Marina Thomatos & Kirsten Magen (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Check the PS11 website: <https://ps11chelsea.org> for more information and links to all mentioned programs and volunteer needs
- Review of weekly digest emailed for updates

Members-at-Large - Sara Burke and Gelsey Jeffreys (ps11mlg@gmail.com)

- No report

SLT Report - Courtney Kapes Lewis (ps11SLT@gmail.com)

(Presented by principal bender)

Adjournment 9:47am