



SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting May 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- Meeting opened at 9:03am
- Gratitude from Presidents for Spring Gala volunteers

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Gratitude to Vice Principal Dawn for leadership during state testing
- Preparing classrooms for next year (more classes with reduced class sizes); interviewing teachers for 8 openings

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

- June 20th Potluck for new parents after school - open to all PS11 families; some volunteer efforts will be needed
- Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) - goal setting for next year in progress
- Elections (and nominations) in June for SLT; 3 parents needed. Commitment is 1 meeting per month to help support and create school enrichment programs.
- Please send self nominations with a quick background blurb to ps11SLT@gmail.com

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

- Approval of last month's General Meeting minutes
- Family Liaisons call two weeks ago was successful; follow up coming for new updates
- June 23 - 11-for-11 volunteer appreciation celebration for all parents who volunteered 11+ hours at PS11 this year
- Next PTA General meeting will be changed to Thursday, June 12, 2025

Nominations Committee

- 2025-2026 Executive Board slate of nominees
- Slate to be distributed with PTA General Meeting note
- Elections to take place in the June PTA General Meeting

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers (presented by Marina Thomatos)

- Kindergarten registration; 56 G&T and 40 General Education registrations currently accepted
- Pre-K families must still register for Kindergarten
- Registrations links going out next week for new families

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

- March 2025: fundraising report and year to date numbers reported

Fundraising Report - Becker Chase & Jax Cohen (ps11annualefund@gmail.com)

- Bender Bars sales-pick up dates coming soon! Link for purchases: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/bender-bars-2025-centennial-edition>
- Silent Auction is live! <https://app.galabid.com/ps11centennial>
- Student enrichments donations can be made at ps11pta.givingfuel.com/annual-fund
- Questions about donations can be sent to auctions@PS11pta.org

- Encouragement from PTA presidents to support school programs for next year through continued donations

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

- Spring Gala will be on May 20th with "100 years" as the theme. Held at Slate on W 21st.
- \$150 per ticket; tickets can be purchased at <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/win-a-raffle-ticket-to-the-2025-gala>
- RSVP's for the gala will be added to a raffle to win a centennial keepsake pendant
- Please reach out to Jess and Caroline at auctions@ps11pta.org for questions
- Volunteer for gala sign ups: volunteers to receive a \$50 refund off their ticket purchase:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1f0aeXSm624HqgbHO-Siw3x8lFRccA1Zh3jNzduvnc3l/>

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

- Volunteers/Co-chair needed for Moving On Ceremony on June 18th
- Field Day co-chair needed to train for next year
- Interested parties please reach out to: ps11volunteer@gmail.com

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

- End-of-year call for return of all outstanding PS11 library books
- Lost & Found; please come and pick up before year end
- Garden Day turnout was great last week! Once more this year - Saturday, May 17
- Fall chess signups now available with Impact Coaching as well as signups for afterschool classes in the fall
- Scholastic Book fair will be held next week; envelopes for purchase money backpacked home and instructions for e-wallets purchases

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

- Lots of communications coming this month! Stay tuned!

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

- No report

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned - 10:06am