

PS.11 PTA

SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting May 15, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Meeting opens - 9:00 a.m.

Welcome – Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos

- Attendance (Sign-in form: [PS11 PTA General Meeting 5.15.26 Sign in](#))
- Thank you to Spring Gala organizers and all volunteers

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Thank you to Vice Principal Gregov for helping with state testing
- Thank you to Joan and Maria helping with kindergarten registration
- Largest incoming kindergarten class in several years
- Gratitude to Vice Principal and Incoming Principal Dawn Roseaver for ramping up
- Moving On ceremony (5th grade) upcoming; 4 tickets per family
- Please submit student discharge form if your child is not returning as a student next year
- 4th grade camping trip upcoming

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

- Parent-Child book club meeting (3rd-5th grades) will be held on May 29, at 7:30am-8:15am
 - (The Anxious Generation / The Amazing Generation)
 - Parents still interested in joining can email us at ps11slt@gmail.com before the 29th
- Comprehensive Lesson Planning is underway
- PS11 Potluck will be held on Thursday June 25th
 - Sign up sheet for volunteers will be coming out this week for set and clean up assistance
- SLT elections will be held in June for new members; looking for 2 parents to join

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers (Jbrothers@schools.nyc.gov)

- Gratitude to parents and community for staff appreciation week
- Request for families to activate their NYC Kids Rise Scholarship account at <https://a002-nyckidsrise.nyc.gov/p/nyckr/nyckr/register.html>

President's Report - Pia Padukone & Marina Thomatos (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- [Approval of April GM Minutes](#) - Approved
- Nominating Committee Report
 - Presentation of officer slate for 2026-2027
 - Elections of new Board members will happen in June PTA meeting
 - Please reach out to ps11nominatingcom@gmail.com with any questions

The nominees for 2026-2027 PTA Executive Board are:

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| Co-Presidents | Marina Thomatos & Pia Padukone |
| Co-VPs of Communications | Diana Milhailovich & Kiran Patel |
| Co-VPs of Fundraising | Laura Conway & Sara Burke |
| Co-VPs of Events | Ulla Kjarval & Garrett Bryant |
| Co-VPs of Membership | Gelsey Jeffreys & Emma Wang |
| Co-VPs of Programs | Shelley O'Sullivan & Tara Murphy |
| Co-Treasurers | Andrew Saleh & Benjamin Holzman |
| Co-Assistant Treasurers | Maggie Nichols & Peggy Kauh |
| Co-Recording Secretaries | Michael Pastko & Jess Kahn Marks |

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Budget Report - Peggy Kauh & Andrew Saleh (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- April update

Fundraising Report - Becker Chase & Jess Galland (give@ps11pta.org)

- Fundraising YTD update: Currently at 81% of 90% target for end of May
- Gala / Silent Auction; fundraised 21% over last year
- Bender Bars- Only 27% remaining bars available for purchase at:[Bender Bars](#)
- Family Match- Looking for families who would like to pledge for family match reach out at give@ps11pta.org
- Annual Fund- Give! Give! Give! Link: ps11chelsea.org/donate & Corporate Match reminder available at <https://doublethedonation.com/matching-gifts/UBS-AG>

Events Report - Jess Kahn Marks & Genevieve Gorin (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Gratitude for all parent volunteers for the Gala
- Success of Gala
- Volunteer Appreciation party; planning underway tentative scheduled for June 22nd

Membership Report - Gelsey Jeffries & Emma Wang (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- Coffee Mornings - Next two mornings will be held on May 20, and June 10
- Book Fair
 - Week of May 18
 - Can sign up for e-wallet at: [Book Fair E-wallet](#)
 - Envelopes were sent home if you want to use cash
 - Parent Shopping May 21-22nd after drop off
- Flexible Volunteer opportunity sign up request:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRAYwkC8PKnkfCeerfdVwEdABcXi8GSzwUdy2XucK553XlhA/viewform>

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

- Chess
 - Fall registration opened: [Fall Chess](#)
 - Congratulations to all recent tournament participants and winners!
- Young Artists program
 - Gallery Showing will be held on May 17th at Pace Gallery (536 West 22nd St.) from 1pm to 4pm
- Library
 - Library open
 - Please have your students return all library books
- Track and Field
 - Volunteers needed for Track Meets in Astoria Park in Queens on WEdnesday May 20th and Tuesday May 26th, reach out to emerinica@schools.nyc.gov or dnichols@schools.nyc.gov
 - Reach out if your child needs a new PS11 shirt email at ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com
- Field Day - June 12th for Grades 1-5
 - Looking for 5-6 volunteers for each time slot: (9:00-11:30am, 11:30-2:30pm)
- Spelling Bee
 - Need co-chair starting by next September reach out at ps11.chelsea.bee@gmail.com
- Yearbook
 - Need co-chair for next year reach out at ps11yearbook@gmail.com

Communications Report - Sara Burke & Kiran Patel (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Look out for weekly digest in your inbox

Meeting adjournment

- 9:44am