



PS 185 PTA

General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

Date: December 12, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 7:02 PM

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Christina Marasco, Co-President
 - a. **Quorum Confirmed:** Grace Ng Rahmé, Co-secretary
 - b. **Moment of Silence to honor Mrs. Tariche**
 - i. **Mrs. Godelias shares fond memories of Mrs. Tariche** – with the school for 20 years, had a fine arts degree and covered music, writing clusters, reading recovery, and taught various grades; she stepped up to pick up a comfort dog, loved the kids and animals.
 - c. **Thank you to:** Lynette Roggenkamp for organizing winter dance and Nicole Foreman for the balloon installation and all the volunteers who helped to sell snacks; Kathryn Vlasic and Nicole DiCanio with picture retake; Tiffany Grant for leading foyer decoration to recognize holidays celebrated by various cultures' during this season; Ms. Rifai for the Owls Head chorus of 4th and 5th graders during the tree lighting ceremony; Catherine Crabtree for reaching out to Bay Ridge Cares for the tree lighting; newspaper committee, including Nathalie Kirsheh for designing graphics for newspaper and Julia Ebert, Ms. Summer, Tara and Christina for working with kids on the kid-centric newspaper.
- II. **President's Report**
 - a. **Book of the Month:** "Lights of Winter" about holiday celebrations around the world – fits with the holiday express theme.
 - b. **Open Street:** Need more open street volunteers so the bigger kids can play in open street and free up school yard for younger grade. New signup coming soon.
 - c. **Sign up for Remind:** text include link @ptaps185 to 81010t
 - d. **Sign up and send in membership dues**(\$185, but any amount is helpful): <https://ps-185-pta-2023-2024-membership-drive.cheddarup.com>
 - e. **For the latest PTA events and important dates**, please visit our new website: ps185pta.org
 - f. **Upcoming Important Dates**
 - i. 12/12 PTA Meeting (Virtual)
 - ii. 12/13 Kindergarten Open House
 - iii. 12/13 [CEC Meeting](#)
 - iv. 12/15 Chip Friday
 - v. 12/20 Kindergarten Holiday Concert
 - vi. 12/21 First Grade Holiday Concert
 - vii. 12/22 Holiday Express
 - viii. **12/25-1/1 Winter Recess - School Closed**
 - ix. 1/10 [CEC Meeting](#)
 - x. 1/11 SLT Meeting
 - xi. 1/12 Brain Show Assembly & Family Night

- xii. **1/15 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed**
- xiii. 1/16 PTA Meeting (Virtual)
- xiv. [2023-2024 School Spirit Days](#)
- g. **Vote:** Apparel Committee requesting budget increased by \$2500; profit to date is \$560. Want to order hats, t-shirts and sweatshirts. Plan is to order small amounts and reorder based on demand.
 - i. **Decision:** Approved.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

- a. Starting Balance: \$63,108.11
- b. Revenue: \$20,170.58
- c. Expenses: \$10,418.33
- d. PTA membership donations accepted anytime during the year

IV. **Committee Updates**

- a. **Gala & School-wide Event Committee (Monique)** — gala will be on Friday 3/8/24
 - i. Amazon Wishlist used for baskets and raffle items – still plenty to purchase.
 - ii. Other ways to donate (can do as a group): money, tickets to sporting events, Broadway shows
 - iii. Mega raffles in the new year (already sold 165 and have less than half left)
 - iv. More info here: <https://www.ps185pta.org/gala-2024>
- b. **DEI** — Holiday Express on 12/22 is a mini cultural fair to celebrate different winter holidays from cultures around the world: Hanukkah, Japanese New Year, Christmas, Winter Solstice, Eid, Chinese New Year, etc.
 - i. PTA providing craft for kids: making lantern because the light brings us together and all the holidays have light in common.
- c. **SLT Report (Michelle)** – School Leadership Team comprised of parents and teachers.
 - i. December meeting being rescheduled, so last meeting was in November.
 - ii. Approval from SLT to curve the first two exams while everyone gets used to the new program.
 - iii. Lisa Nieves Sherman who's a parent and school counselor presented RULER program (SEL). Try with 1-2 classes first then expand school wide if it works well.
 - iv. Students attended food tasting to bring in different food for school.

V. **Principal's Report**

- a. **Community:**
 - i. Partnering with food bank, wellness committee Theresa Kovary introduced school to food pantry on 4th Ave and Ms. Jankowski and Ms. La Manna collaborated on a food and toiletry drive starting next week.
 - ii. Former PS 185 student who had cancer is now toy drive on behalf of Sloan Kettering's Pediatric Department. Flyer will be sent out.
- b. **Wellness committee** had a meeting: Ms. Weisbrich, La Manna, parents, David from 4th Ave Food Pantry – discussed PE, nutrition, SEL.
- c. **Assessments:** Almost done with Module 3 and grades 1-5 will take assessment. K will be later.
- d. **Report cards:** any confusion, please talk to teachers who will explain.

- e. **After School:**
 - i. Enrichment: Instead of 3 sessions, will have 2 sessions for enrichment so they'll resume in February, except Newspaper will be 3 sessions and be operate in January and February. Ukulele, violin, and Intrepid (4th grade) will start in January.
 - ii. NIA: K-5 in NIA has 140 students.
- f. **Recess:**
 - i. Supervisor of PE in the district came to see the school yard and will advise on ordering equipment and work with school aides.
 - ii. Some parents expressed concerned about their kids sitting, while other kids are playing and reason is because of the number of kids and concerns for safety so they take turn playing, including games like freeze dance.
 - iii. If below 40 degrees and not windy and sun shining the kids will still still get to go out, but if it's too windy then they play indoors.
- g. **Vision Zero:** program talking about bike safety, how to cross the street and walk home safely – upper grades will all get a turn.
- h. **Grieving support:**
 - i. Last Friday district sent social workers and grief counselors to speak with students.
 - ii. We have a guidance counselor, school psychologist, and social worker on staff so if children are upset contact the school.
- i. **Kindergarten open house tomorrow:** Will show school video and PTA video.
- j. **Sharing School with Off-site After School Programs:** Stepping Stones wants to use our building for after school, but NIA and our enrichment programs are taking up our indoor space so it will be difficult to share the building for now.
- k. **Q&A:**
 - i. Question by Veronica Lupo: What is the comparison of the data from unit 1 to unit 2 tests?
 - 1. **Into Reading** – we improved between Module 1 and Module 2: Kids aren't expected to know everything now since standards are intended to be met in June.
 - 2. **Action:** Mrs. Goudelias will share school-wide data at next PTA meeting after Module 3. Christina asked Mrs. Goudelias to keep an eye on the program performance district wide.
 - ii. Budget cuts: We had a registered gain, but DOE gave us money in September so we can hire music teacher. We got our funding before budget cuts, based on certain estimated registered kids. We got funding in September and in October we had more kids than they projected for us and PTA is helping to fundraise for curriculum.
 - iii. Question by Julie BP: What's happening with 5-503?
 - 1. Mrs. G interviewing full time teacher to take over 5-503. Ms. Savatieri came out of retirement to sub two days along with other subs, but searching for full time teacher for the new year.
 - iv. Question: Since recent rezoning will lower registration, what cuts should we expect starting next year?
 - 1. We will probably lose a Kindergarten class since K projections are lower.
 - 2. Trying to phase in the law with 20 kids per class.

VI. **Parent Coordinator Report**

- a. No parent coordinator yet, but we'll have one in January.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02PM

<u>2023-2024 PS 185 PTA Executive Board</u>	
Co-Presidents:	Christina Marasco & Michelle Magnus
Co-Vice-Presidents:	Ariel Intravia & Nicole Fusco-Evans
Co-Secretaries:	Kim Langel & Grace Ng Rahme
Co-Treasurers:	Kathryn Vlagic & Theresa Kovary

PS 185 PTA NOVEMBER 2023				
Expenses	Income	\$72,860.36	End Bal Nov	
\$10,418.33	\$20,170.58		Total Exp/Inc	
\$2,247.00			Apparel	Apparel Expense Check to Jillian Levinson
	\$1,711.46			Apparel Income
\$101.21			PTA Ops	CHECK to Nicole Fusco Evans for MARY Maguire retirement basket
	\$7,961.05		Book Fair	Deposit Book Fair Total
\$300.00				Withdrawal change for bookfair
				* Pending check to Scholastic \$4467. Net Profit \$3,194
\$339.25			Enrichment	Check to the bookmark Shoppe Oct Book of the Month
\$204.42			Family Fun	Check to Catherine Crabtree Family fun night Oct Art Supplies Amazon
\$325.44				Check to Catherine Crabtree \$351.53 - \$325.44 Potluck supplies
	\$1,305.00		Gala	Mega Raffle Sales/Donations/Journal Ads
	\$2,201.01		Grad	Deposit Chip Friday Proceeds
\$588.80				Check to Jade Grimaldi Chip Fri Supplies Amazon
	\$6,170.70		Photo	Deposit Photo Proceeds Class Act
	\$821.36	PTA Ops	Membership	CheddarUp Membership ST-T3H7H1C2J5U0
\$99.00				Check to Michelle Magnus Money Counter
\$26.09				Check to Catherine Crabtree \$351.53 - \$26.09 PTA Closet Containers
\$54.43				Check to Michelle MAGnus Saples Paper for PTA use
\$4,925.85			School Supplies	Check to CDW Toner Main Office
\$206.84				Check to John Nicholson for emergency pump from roof leak during storm
\$1,000.00			Schoolwide Events	Check to Bryan Accardi for Halloween Dance
		\$63,108.11	Beg Bal Nov	