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PENDING REVIEW AND APPROVAL



December PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 6 pm, auditorium

Board Members Present:

Aisha Johnson (President), Jerome Tagger (Treasurer), Jen Skoda (Co-VP of Development), Kim Gleason (VP of Extended Day), Genevieve de Gaillande (Recording Secretary), Max Duykers (Communications Secretary), Ann Henry (Co-VP of Development), Christa Rimoneau (Co-VP of Development).

(At least 8 association members, including a minimum of 2 board members and 6 parent members present; a quorum was reached.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by President, Aisha Johnson, at 6:11 pm

2. READING + APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2017 + NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING MINUTES

No abstentions or objections

3. TREASURER'S REPORT- Jerome Tragger / ptatreasurer@ps133brooklyn.org

- Cash at 31 October: \$309 378 in bank
- Expenditure on track
- Kid's orbit- this is going to increase- will come up for vote soon.
- Annual appeal: work in progress
- Taxes deferred
- Reviewing for a payroll provider
- Budget committee will soon need to be convened- to think strategically about what the PTA really does and how we can support the school with enrichment activities. Sign up to join this committee.
- This is Jerome's last year treasurer.

Questions: when we give money to the school- how is it determined what the money is spent on? Mutual trust- budgeting concerns, needs of the school. Things that we propose have to fit within the curriculum. This is the first year we did front load of the money.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications committee- May Duykers

communications@ps133brooklyn.org

- Gave overview of what he does the website, newsletter, Facebook live.

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- Needs volunteers to help= please reach out directly if interested.

Next meeting: TBA

Extended day committee- Kim Gleason extendedday@ps133brooklyn.org / playlabvp@ps133brooklyn.org

- Scholarship process for Playlab is open in January
- Term 1 ends 1/26
- Term 2 starts 1/29
- Family Survey



Family Survey Results - We hear you!

<p>What We're Doing Right</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Variety of classes2. Children are giving positive feedback to parents3. High quality vendors and teachers	<p>We Can Do Better!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Communication2. Better space for Martial Arts3. Dance teacher for younger children4. More science offerings
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1. Mixing grade levels - parents of older children want less, parents of younger children want more
2. Keeping schedule the same from term to term
3. Space planning
4. Homework help

Next meeting: January 25, 2018, 8:30 am

Fundraising committee- Jen Skoda, Ana Henry / development@ps133brooklyn.org

- Jen Skoda- annual appeal- as of Friday, \$70K, on pace as last year. Consider giving by end of the year. Goal is \$105k.
- Ann Henry- Foley firms- gives \$10 per tree. If we reach 300, they give us another 50%. Don't forget to use the PS 133 Amazon link. We also partner with Shutterfly.
- Auction is May 5th, 2018 at BRIC

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\$60K

Art
(Studio in
a School)

\$68K

Lunch & Recess
(Kids Orbit)

\$30K

Theater
(Theater for a New Audience
+ Creative Stages)

\$8.5K

Teacher Grants for Special
Projects and Professional
Development

\$7.5K

Classroom Libraries +
Supplemental
Classroom Supplies

\$4K

Library Open
Hours

Garden committee – Kara Zimmerman / garden@ps133brooklyn.org

- Trying to get an irrigation system, trying to get more teacher involvement.
- Teacher grants committee: discretionary funds that we can give out – there is a rubric for deciding. Would welcome other people's reviews- reach out to be part of this.

Next meeting: TBA

Language + cultural diversity committee- Ana Bartholome / escuela@ps133brooklyn.org

- Second desayuno en español breakfast- 20 people came.
- WhatsApp group formed to help with communication. Working to get weekly newsletter into Spanish.
- March movie is in the works.
- Read-a-thon will be during midwinter break. Idea is to partner with Junot Diaz who has a new book coming out. Refugee themed books.
- Book room: needs to be organized – asking for volunteers. 2 days a week- if we can get 5 people consistently to get it done. Sign-up sheet circulated

Next meeting: Wednesday 11/29, 8:30am in PTA office

Performing arts committee- Esra Dayani / performingarts@ps133brooklyn.org

- Jan 5th// PAC Bake Sale - Baked goods! Table help!
- Jan 6th - Community Tech Day- Broadway bond
- Jan 11th & 12th - Broadway Bound shows (over \$700 pledged so far for program) - need volunteers for concessions/FOH/Ticketing/Ushers/Etc.
- Jan 29th - TFANA Culminating Project 9am (5th grade)
- Creative Stages underway in spring (3rd grade)
- Spring Performing Arts Residencies: Marquis Studios, S'cool Music, more TFANA, and Creative Stages.

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Raise your hand if you'd be in and or attend a Parent/Admin Talent Show this spring? 1/3 of attendees raised their hands.

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5. GUEST PRESENTER: Matt from Understood.org

- Free online resource for parents of kids with learning and attention issues
- Visit website for presentation.
- Tonya Taylor- this is a great resource- let's keep this going with parent groups, attending their events.
- Can the PTA help organize resources- and get them into classes (resistance bands)

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Let's ramp up our social media presence and really use the platform to decentralize communication.
Max welcomes the ideas and happy to think this through- reach out to him with ideas.
- Tonya Taylor: Wants to have monthly dance parties for kids. Cost would be \$250.00 per events.
Could charge \$3 per person

There was a motion to approve \$1500 for events through end of the year. Seconded and approved with no objections.

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2018 at 8:30 am in the cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:28 p by the President.

Minutes compiled by Genevieve de Gaillande, Recording Secretary

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