

**MINUTES**  
**PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**MARCH 20, 2014 AT 6:05 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM**

Approved by unanimous vote  
at the April 25, 2014 Meeting

- I. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Co-President Jen Hogan.  
Quorum was established.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**  
**MOTION** to approve the draft minutes of the February 14, 2014 General Membership meeting was made and seconded.  
The motion was unanimously adopted.
- III. **Reports**
- a) **Principal**  
Principal Mastriano and Ms. Burns presented a truncated version of the ELA workshop for parents. The presentation was designed to give parents a better understanding of the 2014 English Language Arts state exams, and enable them to support their children to be successful on the tests. A packet setting out sample 5<sup>th</sup> grade questions and answers was distributed.  
At the conclusion of the address, Principal Mastriano and Ms. Burns responded to questions from parents.
- b) **PTA Co-Presidents**  
PTA Co-President Jen Hogan thanked several parents for their volunteer work including:
- Anna Cipriano, Sara Spinnell, Caroline Rhea, Anthony Collins and others for the Auction Party
  - Alex Arvizu, Lisa Berry, Regina Chiu, Elena Osso, Allison Nessim, Louise Regan, Diana Veal and others for the Class Art Projects
  - Peter Gorman for taking photos
  - Charlotte Dooling and Liz Lyons for Staff Appreciation Day activities
  - Ms. Robello and Ms. Kyle for the Multi-Cultural Festival
  - WITS chefs Annie and Kristy for the WITS lab
  - Debbie Rudt, Alan Rudt and Tien Dam for the PS 166 Chess Tournament
  - Leslie Zampetti and Johnna Hampton for overseeing the Scholastic Book Fair
  - Custodial staff for break-painting the cafeteria, and
  - Principal Mastriano, Ms. Burns and all the teachers for the Parent Workshops.
- Jen also updated parents on PTA budget discussions currently in progress.  
Budget meetings are planned for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm, and parents are encouraged to attend.  
A Nominating Committee chaired by Christine DiPasquale and Karyn Gooden has been established.
- c) **Parent Coordinator**  
Deborah Markewich requested all parents to complete and submit the NYC School Survey. The survey enables school leaders understand what key members of the school community say about the learning environment at each school.  
The completed form should be returned to her. If completed on line, parents should let Deborah know because classes with 100% participation will win an extra recess and treat.
- d) **School Leadership Team**  
Dympna Gallagher reported on recent activities of the SLT.
- e) **Classroom Parents**  
Jen reported that having accumulated almost all of the class lists, the school-wide digital directory is nearing completion.  
Jen thanked Julianne Parmenter and all Class Reps for their help.

f) Other Updates

Jen announced that she and Liz Wedlan received an update on the playground renovation from Mr. Steve Simon.

Mr. Simon is hopeful that original architect Paul Friedberg will sign off on the latest proposal from Parks, after which another round of CB 7 approvals would be required before being submitted to the Public Design Commission.

Jen also made a brief report on FOPS and read a prepared statement from Barbara Denham, Treasurer of CEC3.

Other updates related to Grandparents & Special Friends Day, Walkathon, and Art Fair & International Night. Volunteers for these events are needed.

IV. Committees and Fundraisers

1) Auction

Anna Cipriano thanked all parent volunteers for making this year's auction happen.

Although the live auction was over, the on-line auction continues until 10:00 pm this Sunday.

Since a lot of funding comes from outside of the school community, parents were asked to refer five people they know.

2) Family Fitness Fun Night

This event is scheduled for Thursday, May 15 and is chaired by Camilla Rodriguez-Perusse.

Attendees will sample different classes from Soccer to Zumba and many others.

3) Nominating Committee

Jen reported that Christine DiPasquale and Karyn Gooden will be collecting names of parents interested in running for next year's PTA Executive Board. Parents were also invited to consider running for the SLT.

4) Green & Wellness & WITS

Jen made a brief announcement on behalf of Emily Fano and Kari Docter.

It was also mentioned that the Spring Textile recycling Drive is planned for March. It is designed to divert unwanted textiles from the landfills and raise some funds for the school.

5) CAP

On behalf of Karyn Gooden, Jen announced that as of March 16, kindergarten had not yet reached the targeted goal.

A certain kindergarten parent has offered to match any kindergarten donations to this fund up to \$7,500.

6) Annual Fund

Jen reported that this fund drive was still open.

We are close to the target but not there yet.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter A. Rodrigues, Recording Secretary