

MINUTES
PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2016 AT 7:00 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Co-President Madelyn Storms. Quorum was established.

II. Introduction of PTA

An announcement was made that the PTA will have monthly meetings. The next meeting will be at 8:30 on October 20th after drop-off. The dates of meetings will be posted online and in the school handbook. If there is interest, a PTA meeting will also be held in the evening during the Fall.

III. Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of the General Board Meeting held on June 8th, 2016 was made by Madelyn Storms and seconded by Erin Leigh Peck. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Upcoming Events

- a. Fall Fest is Oct.23rd.
- b. New Family Welcome Dinner is next Tuesday. It is an adults-only event but babysitting on premises will be available.
- c. Dance party and staff appreciation dates are to be decided.
- d. The Green and Wellness Committee will hold its first meeting on Oct. 5th.
- e. Textile recycling happening next week.
- f. The first WITS lab is next week. A kale salad recipe will be taught.
- g. The gardening committee is looking for volunteers. They would like to form two teams; one for each garden.

V. Auction

- a. The auction is the school's biggest fundraiser which will be held in either March or April. For many years the auction venue has been Landmark on the Park ("Landmark") who has decided to outsource the event planning in the space.
- b. Budget Increase. The budget for the auction in previous years was \$20,000, \$4,000 of which paid for Landmark. Landmark's new negotiated fee is \$38,000.
 - o The PTA executive board explained that cheaper options other than Landmark are being explored, as well as sponsorships.
 - o A parent suggested spreading the word to parents that we need a new venue on the google group.
 - o In addition to venue expenses, auction costs include insurance, software, and signage.
 - o It was noted that in some years the \$20,000 budget was exceeded.
 - o If a budget increase is approved, it will not take away from funding any other PTA sponsored programs or events because we have a reserve from fundraising in previous years.

- c. **MOTION** was made by Nina Collmer to increase the auction budget from \$20,000 to \$50,000 in the event a venue contract must be signed before the next PTA meeting. The motion was seconded by Madelyn Storms.

Opposed: 1 parent
Abstained: 1 parent

The motion was adopted by majority of affirmative vote.

VI. Zoning

- a. A debate is currently taking place over how to rezone P.S. 199 and P.S. 191. There is a push to integrate the schools in a more progressive way. A new building is being built to address overcrowding at P.S. 199 and the integration issue, however, the new building's catchment zone has not been determined.
- b. P.S. 166's zone changes in both of the current proposed options, but most of the current P.S. 166 population will not be affected. Siblings will be grandfathered in if a sibling is currently enrolled. A third zoning proposal will be made next week.

VII. Fundraising and CAP

It was explained that the PTA currently raises money for two separate funds: one for classroom assistance and one for everything else that the PTA funds (i.e., chess, curriculum coaches, and librarian).

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Moyle, Recording Secretary