

**PTO General Meeting - 12/17/2019**

**8 Executive Board Members in Attendance:**

Presidents: Idesha and Jenn

VPs of Fundraising: Christina and Tracey

VP of Outreach: Brianna

Recording Secretary: Chris

Communications Secretary: Krystina

Treasurer: Angela

# 6:10 P.M.: Call to order

# 6:11: Minutes from November meeting approved

# 6:12: Membership Committee

* Introduction by Idesha explaining this new PTO committee
* Request for candidates:
  + Mike Newman on behalf of himself and Trish Newman
* Candidate speech
* ***Proposal***: Mike and Trish Newman elected as Co-Committee Chairs.
* ***Decision***: Approved without opposition!

# 6:14: Announcements / Updates (Idesha)

* Piano School of NYC:
  + This afterschool program was announced in October and filled up almost immediately.
  + There are open seats in voice and violin only.
  + They are considering expanding the program. Please email Erick at [ErickEisermusic@gmail.com](mailto:ErickEisermusic@gmail.com) if you are interested.

# 6:17: Finance Review (Angela)

* Recent sale in lobby raised almost $1,000.
* Revenues:
  + Total year to date is approx. $103k, with $32k coming from grants.
* Expenses (paid YTD):
  + Musical IQ
  + Sporting club grants - $2k per – with two grants paid to date.
  + Tiny Scientist - $28k paid thus far (approx. 50% of annual cost)
* We are currently projecting on target for revenue and expenses for the 2019-2020 year.

# 6:24: Fundraising (Tracey & Christina)

* Fall Appeal is currently at approx. $13k with more donations being received.
* We placed second with the Orange Theory competition and were awarded $650.
* We are soliciting committee volunteers. Please contact us, let us know what you excel at and what your interests are. We will work together to find a suitable role if you have interest
* Picture Day:
  + ***Proposed***: Una’s husband Jeff to be the photographer. Jeff is great with kids, an excellent photographer, and his prices are reasonable.
  + ***Decision***: All in favor with no detractors.
* Save the Date:
  + 1/10 - Movie Night – Sherlock Gnomes
  + Coming soon:
    - January:
      * Happy hour at Dirty Precious
      * Graphics Contest – posters are up at school, ends 1/31/2020
    - Jan / Feb:
      * Fundraiser with F45 gym on 4th Ave.
    - February candy grams for Valentine’s Day (**we need volunteers**)
  + 3/16: Spring Auction Party
  + 6/6: Fair for the Arts (**we need a co-chair and volunteers**)
* Amazon purchases:
  + Please use this link to make purchases, as the PTO gets a share of each purchase (link also available on each PTO email): <https://www.amazon.com/?&tag=282org-20&camp=216797&creative=394601&linkCode=ur1&adid=0HSKVSBC0FHAZH24C6DP&&ref-refURL=http://rcm.amazon.com/e/cm%3Ft%3D282org-20%26o%3D1%26p%3D48%26l%3Dur1%26category%3Damazonhomepage%26f%3Difr>
  + You can also use Smile Amazon
* Teacher wish lists
  + Individual lists for teachers are available on Smile Amazon. Link also available on the PTO website: <https://www.282parkslope.org/282-pto-1>

# 6:30: Outreach Updates (Brianna)

* School tours:
  + The tours this year have continued to be great, with approx. 110 people attending the last tour.
  + **Thank you to all our fantastic volunteers!!**
* Grant writing:
  + We need help with grant writing. A committee was formed this year, and we need more participation.
  + Please bring any grants you find to Brianna and Chris’ attention, or just use this link and enter the grants directly: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PRK9eBf_9SZe-VEKOnxHGD2O-ElCTWHRvlZeNibhnyk/edit?usp=sharing>
  + Contact us about how you can get involved in this low risk / high reward proposition that directly benefits your child!

# 6:40: Communications (Krystina)

* Please let us know if you are not receiving weekly PTO emails.
* Subscribe to social media. We post each week, so stay tuned!
* Please keep providing feedback on our new website.

# 6:42: Green Zone (Tracey)

* Sunday 12/15 is a garden day where we will be building the new garden beds. Beds employ a system of wire mesh and rock to deter rodents from burrowing.
* **Thanks to Javier and Eman for all their help!!**
* Movie night in January or February will be hosted by and support Green Zone.
* Next garden date will be in late January (**volunteers appreciated and needed**)

# 6:45: Q&A

* Q: Any updates on what is happening with SLT?
  + A: Not at present. We will have an update early in the new year.

# 6:47 PM – Meeting Adjourned