



**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC**  
**General Board PTA Meeting**  
**December 12, 2024, 9:00am on Zoom**

**Executive Board Attendees:** Lauren Fiore, Sviatlana Fadzeeva, Asel Mukhamejarova, Gaia Marchetti, Iris Fitzgerald, Stephanie Strote, Stefanie Krzyzamiak, Courtney Grant, Raphael Miranda, Sarah Najarian, Irene Ou, Robyn Kron, Sweta Merchant, Liz Oved, Kate Overby

**Administration:** Louise Xerri, Sara Lise Raff, Phoebe Hanshew, Sharon Chung, Brendan Beseda

Zoom Attendee Count: 77

**Welcome and Call to Order:** PTA Co-President Sviatlana Fadzeeva called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**Minutes:** Sviatlana announced a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Sweta and Lauren F approved and seconded, with no objections.

**Agenda Items**

**Welcome/Shout Outs**

- Shout Outs - Julie Lamb for leading 5K Run/Walk Event
- Emily and David Skurnik, Liz Oved, Raphael Miranda for planning a wonderful Wine Night
- Sveta, Lauren, Stefanie, Stephanie, Noah, and Iris for setting up PTA Thanksgiving treats for all teachers and staff.

**Minutes approval** from November General PTA meeting.

- Next General PTA meeting- January 16, 9 am ZOOM.

**Special Guests from the Sustainability Squad's Cafeteria Waste Team**

**Special guest for the December 12 PTA meeting** - Philharmonic learning manager- Jeannie Oliver-Cretara.

**Enrichment programs sponsored by PTA** - details and looking ahead for parents.

**Administration Update**

**Teachers Update**

**SLT Update**

**Finance Update**

**Fundraising Update**

- 5K results
- Wine Night update
- Robert to announce Broadway Night- 01/12/25

**Community Events**

- Chess festival - December 14, 10-1, cafeteria and auditorium.
- Movie Night
- Stars in Stage- March 7

**Q&A, any other business**

## Enrichment programs sponsored by PTA

- Presentation by Jeannie Oliver-Cretara, NY Philharmonic Partnership:
  - The partnership between PS 199 and the Philharmonic, which has been ongoing for around 20 years, involves teaching artists visiting the school for 17 class visits, two concert visits, and final presentations. The program, which works with third - fifth graders, aims to expose children to orchestral music, community music making, and support classroom goals and learning.

## Administration Update: Principal Xerri

- Thanks to parents for their support!
- Reminder to schedule parent/teacher conferences.
- Teachers have professional development today .
- Safety update - paint in yard - very slippy, have reached out to have fixed.
- The School custodian has left, we have a temp one, waiting for a permanent one.
- Small class initiative application has been sent in.
- Our new art teacher, Ms. Lauren Wetzel, should be sending out a welcome letter to families soon, She started last week.

## Administration Update: Sara Lise Raff

- Thank you PTA for support.
- Report cards are out today.
- Check lost and found.

## SLT Update: Alison Polevoys

- Class size Committee has submitted the application; will find out the status in February. Parents as Partners - trying to get parents in class more in the new year. Sustainability committee - reducing waste.

## Fundraising Update

- Julie Lamb - 5K thank you everyone for turning out. 215 people signed up. over \$10k raised. First time doing it in fall. Classroom contest winner is Ms. Titus and Ms. Camhi's class - won a special gym day for their class and families with Mr. Miller. Ms. Rosenbaum's class came in 2nd place, and Ms. Hall and Ms Gurwin's class came 3rd. Spring run will be May 18, 2025. Fleet Feet on 72nd was a big supporter this year - looking forward to working with them again.
- Rob - Broadway night Jan 12, 2025. Broadway and classical singers, classical musicians and dancers. Assigned seating so get your tickets now!
- Stephanie - Chess Winter Festival this Saturday, sign up on Konstella to volunteer. New events to be announced in the New Year
- Movie Night - Feb 2025
- Gala save the date Apr 4, Ascent Lounge - Lauren Fiore will again take the role of Gala Chair. Thanks Lauren!

### **Finance Update/Treasurer's Report: Liz Oved**

- To date, we have raised \$129,000 in donations and are on budget with expenses.
- Emphasized the importance of family giving, which covers enrichment programs, classroom supplies, field trips, and other school expenses.
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### **Q & A / Other Business**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtney Grant.