



**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC
Executive Board PTA General Meeting
January 09, 2026, 9:00 am Zoom**

Executive Board Attendees: Lauren Fiore, Liz Oved, Alison Shapiro, Shari Forrest, Courtney Grant, Stephanie Strote, Gaia Marchetti, Sweta Merchant, Sarah Najarian, Abhishek Khandelwal, Sally Shin, Matthew Williams, Iris Fitzgerald,

Administration: Sara Lise Raff, Phoebe Hanshew

Welcome and Call to Order: PTA Co-President Lauren called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Minutes - Lauren announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting December 5, 2025. Approved by Matthew and seconded by Ali.

Agenda Items:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes Approval
- Administration Update
- Presidents Report
- Committee Reports
- Treasurers Report
- Q&A

Admin Update

Sara Lise Raff - Parent Coordinator

- Confirm dates for upcoming events.
- Please remember to keep your kids home if they are sick.
- Discussed how it's important to our school community that we celebrate all cultures and celebrations!
- Thank you Sarah and Emily for the weekly newsletter.
- Middle school applications are all in now and kindergarten applications have begun.

Phoebe Hanshew - Teacher

- no new updates from teachers.
- Thank you to the PTA for all their support
- Thank you parents for keeping sick kids home
- Disc "Fix Tier 6" - union benefits plan to lower retirement age for certain city workers
- The previous superintendent is now the new chancellor.

Presidents Update: Lauren and Liz

- Welcome everyone!
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the toy drive, Giving Tuesday and gala art project kick off.
- Letters for volunteers for the gala art projects was sent out last night
- Disc new math curriculum selection is happening soon, not sure if it will be rolled out for fall 2026 or 2027.
- Calendar updates - reminder to check the school website for up to date info on events
 - Spring Fest June 14
 - Stars on Star March 6
 - Culture Night April 30
 - Yankees Baseball game April 19
 - Garden Event May 3

Committee Updates

5th Grade Committee:

- Sweater order forms have gone out, please return asap
- Spring Lake trip has been booked
- 5th Grade dues are being discussed, explained 5th grade is responsible for funding a portion of their events/celebrations and the PTA will fund the rest

Fundraising Update: Stephaine

- Yankees Game was a success last year. Decided on April 19, same deal as last year (food voucher, backpack), decided if we should do 50,100 or 150 - will find out how many people were unable to purchase tickets last year and decide from there.,.

Community Cares Committee: Sweta

- Food Drive will be Jan 21-23, still looking for organization to pick up

Gala Committee:

- Gala will be March 27 at Slate downtown
- Art Projects are looking for leads this week
- Looking for auction items

Financial Report: Sally

- YTD is up 61% of goal
- Broadway night is slightly under target goal, encouraged ticket sales
- December expenses were \$11,600 (Field trips, operating expenses, gala booking fee, school store, annual pta license)
- YTD expenses are at 38% of budgeted expenditure
- Extracurriculars are paid 2x a year, will be paying vendors soon

Communication: Sarah

- Please have events/info passed on to Sarah and Emily to be posted in the newsletter

Q&A/Other Business

- Next General PTA Meeting is Friday Jan 23 at 9am in the library
- Next EB February 13 at 9 am on zoom
- Disc lower ticket prices for wine night to sell more tickets and to offer ticket sales for the gala at wine night
- Decided we will use Givesmart this year for ticket sales
- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtney Grant on January 11, 2026