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PS 111-Adolph S. Ochs
PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2016

Executive Board Members Attending:

Co-President: Tristan Loanzon
Co-President: Patrice Duffy Jacobson
Co-Treasurer: Maria Ortiz
Co-Secretary: Judith Farmer

Executive Board Members Absent:

1st Vice President: Tai Do
Co-Secretary: Jennifer Foy

Others Present: See enclosed sign in sheet dated 1/20/16

Call to Order: Tristan Loanzon, 6:00pm

Approval of Minutes: Copies of minutes from General Membership meeting on Dec 16, 2016 distributed. Judith made motion to approve, seconded by Patrice. Minutes approved by show of hands.

Principal's Report: Encouraging to increase attendance for the school. District 2 attendance at 96%. About 26% of PS111 students chronically absent. Studies have shown that schools with students below 90% have lower test scores.

Reading and Writing Curriculum changing for 2016-2017 school year. Utilization of Teacher's College, Writing will be encouraged everyday for shorter periods, workshops at the end of the year, one of them discussing common core.

Math will continue to be the same for 2016-2017 school year. Will explore other options to implement for 2017-2018.

Lunch Volunteers still needed. Requested game donations and ideas for indoor recess during inclement weather.

Special Election for Co-Treasurer: Trevor Richardson nominated by Tristan. Ivette made motion to approve, seconded by Judith. Nomination approved by General Membership.

Treasurer's Report: Maria Ortiz See attached balance sheet dated 12/1-12/31/2015.

Report from Committees:

Fundraising: Maria and Karin spoke about on-going Direct Appeal. Next approach to start targeting local business for donations/partnership with School. Talent Show/Silent Auction new tentative dates either May 14 or May 21. Need a Co-chair and volunteers to help carry out the project. Ms. Harvey spoke about Give 10 as ongoing fundraising project, a new letter will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.

Apparel: Patrice asked if General Membership was in agreement of PTA taking on the School Spirit Apparel. General consensus: Needed more information regarding ballpark amount and pricing. Awaiting follow-up from Jenny. Members who said they would be willing to help execute once final decision has been reached: Ivette Rolon, Carmen Neal, Amanda Garcia.

SLT Report: Patrice said SLT discussed current budget of the school. Expansion of Chess Program. Starting Evaluation Process for Interviews and Hiring of Permanent Principal.

Title I: Re-evaluation of Title I for the school next year. Exploring how to transition without Title I funds since the percentage of students below poverty level is changing.

Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm: Patrice Duffy-Jacobson