

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

The PTA president, Ellen Jalkut, introduced the PTA executive board members for this school year.

The recording secretary, Rene Finch, read the minutes from the previous meeting and held a vote to approve them. They were approved.

The treasurer, Stacy Francis, said her goal is to raise as much money as possible. She mentioned her experience with fundraising in her charity, and said she will be keeping her eyes on dollars in and dollars out. She stressed that we need more money coming in. She welcomed new members to our wonderful school community. Stacy revealed that the Annual Appeal this year will be a \$1400 ask, and she mentioned a few examples of what the funds are spent on.

Our principal, Ronnie, said that the first day of school was a great one. She said this is her 19th year as principal of PS89.

Ronnie made everyone aware that some staff changes have occurred. One of the school aides, Iris, retired. Four new members of staff (Carmen in 4th grade, Jessica in 3rd grade, Tracy and Ali in K).

Ronnie proudly announced this last year's 3rd, 4th and 5th graders did astoundingly well on the state assessments. Ps89 ranked #2 in the district and #18 in the state.

Ronnie said that school website has been down and under construction and it will be relaunched today.

Curriculum night will be Sept 22nd and details regarding time, etc will be sent home soon.

Ronnie said that the current enrollment at the school is 416 students. Our school's zone is small and movement in/out of the neighborhood is high. She reminded us that enrollment drives Dept of Ed \$

Ronnie thanked the PTA for always being generous in giving money. However, she stressed that involvement in the school counts most. The community that she has built is so important and strong in this school. It's wonderful to see so many parents on Family Fridays.

The PTA has paid for the hallway bulletin boards to all be painted. It's currently a work in progress.

President Ellen brought it to everyone's attention that Ronnie received an award for an outstanding educator of the year. Ellen stressed how Ronnie knows every child in the school's name and most parents names as well.

Volunteers are need for the Run For Knowledge

Emily Hunt, chairperson R4K, said that Oct 14th is the event. There will be a run followed by a carnival and there are several opportunities for volunteers.

Ellen told all parents that young children are welcome at meetings and other times when you may volunteer.

She said that volunteer is needed to run the morning Chess Club and an auction chairperson is needed.

She also said that there will be an Open House in a location TBD. It will be a wine tasting in the neighborhood with the objective of allowing people to learn about the PTA and events throughout the year.

Connie, the parent coordinator, said htat PS89 is very lucky to have an after school program in Manhattan Youth. Susan Forrest, from MY, was present to discuss it in detail for anyone interested.

Ellen asked Chris Miculis, SLT member to speak about the SLT as an additional 2 members are needed for the group. It meets once a month and he's happy to answer any questions about it.

Daryl, the school librarian, said that she he is looking for library volunteers to help run the library.

Ellen said that one of her goals is to start submitting teachers for awards because we have such fantastic teachers in our school.

Ellen also stressed the importance of making sure that everyone knows all that is going on and the importance of the TN newsletter.

Meeting adjourned.