

PTA MEETING MINUTES- OCTOBER 28, 2016

President Ellen Jalkut opened the meeting.

Recording Secretary Rene Finch read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Ellen announced that the PTA is looking for an Audit Committee, people preferably with a CPA and/or 990 experience. She also stated the need for a Bylaw Revision Committee to update the very out of date bylaws.

Ellen made the call to volunteers to work in the library and at the bookfair.

The Talent Show date is March 25, 2017.

It was great news that the JCrew shopping event raised approximately \$2500 for the PTA.

The Boy Scouts will tentatively be speaking at next month's meeting.

Assistant co-treasurer Cristina Marzo gave a treasurer's report. \$65,000 has been raised via the Annual Appeal, 14% of families. The Run for Knowledge raised \$76,000 and will be split between the three participating schools. Expenses for the past month have included stipends for teachers, rugs for classroom, math workshops and supplies for art and science.

Freddi Ford let everyone know that Square One Art projects were created this past week and the order forms will be sent home soon.

Vice principal Ria gave her security presentation:

The security plan is citywide by the Dept of Education. The three main elements are 1) Evacuations, 2) Shelter Ins and 3) Lockdowns.

In the case of an evacuation, call 311 to find out where to go to pick up your child, do not go to the school.

The children are not allowed to talk to people through the fences, so please don't try to talk to them.

A handout was passed out with more information about the school's safety plan.

Ellen spoke about the upcoming Bake Sale, dance and Book Fair. Parents were reminded that all teachers have a wish list pile of books that they are encouraged to shop from.

Ronnie mentioned some ways in which PTA money was recently spent. \$2000 was spend on the Bio Bus that visited the school. 1st and 3rd graders were able to get on and experience the bus. She was very happy with the visit and will consider having the bus back to school for other grades in the future.

\$3700 will be spent on an upcoming 6 week residency with an artist focusing on clay via Studio in a School.

A new school aide has been hired, Leasha.

Ronnie talked about the necessary upgrades for the auditorium and the improvements that she would like to make. She is currently waiting for an estimate for the job and then a discussion with both Manhattan Youth and IS289 will be necessary to discuss the split of the cost.

Library volunteers are still needed.

Meeting was adjourned.