

PS 116 PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2019

A quorum of members were present.

Principal/Vice Principal's Report

- Kindergarten application is open until January 21 and all those entering kindergarten must submit an application.
- Middle school offers will go out in late March.
- There are mice in the building, likely caused by the extra construction. They are trying to find solutions. One option is to have exterminator fill all holes to prevent mice from getting into the building. This will cost money - how should it be paid for?

Co-Presidents' Report

- The local police offers did not attend as planned. Will try for next meeting.
- The Direct Appeal donations goes to the TA fund if your child is in PreK-1, grades 2-5 go into General Direct Appeal (vs. Holiday Benefit Fundraiser envelopes which is own line item); donations are eligible for a 501C3 tax deduction. To date, there is \$25k in the TA fund and \$23k in the Direct Appeal fund. If you have a child in the lower grades, your donation will automatically go to the TA fund.
- Early Voting
 - Keep pressure on - working with the BOE/DOE to suggest alternative sites.
 - Push assembly members to amend the law with language stating that schools can either opt out or not be used at all for future elections.
 - January 8 starts new session of legislation, we need to call assembly members and push all the issues.

Auction Committee

- The auction will be held on April 2, but the online auction will start in March.
- Need donations from local businesses, connections anywhere. Items can include tickets, travel, jewelry, experiences etc.

Spring Fair

- Spring fair will be in May and will need volunteers. The fair is open to the neighborhood.

Book Fair

- Sold \$17,000 worth of books. The PTA gifted \$1700 in teacher wish list books and netted \$2,800 in profit. Next year we should have better signage to promote the teacher wish list for the books.

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