



Minutes of the September 18, 2018 Meeting

Opening and Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.
- Review of the June 12, 2018 agenda minutes. Minutes approved.
- Treasury Report added to Budget Presentation.

Principal's Address

- Principal D'Avilar discussed PS9 having the entire building back, which means less overall crowding, and one grade in the lunchroom at a time.
- Principal D'Avilar then discussed the school's new murals, which were painted by local artists. (Two present at the meeting.) The murals began as a small project in the garden and were expanded to cover the entire school. They were partially paid for artists grants. The principal suggested possibly seeking donations to pay for the remaining costs.

Treasury Report

- Treasurer Greg Nofi presented the July and August profit and loss statement for review.
- Someone asked if receipts for last year's donations have been sent out. Greg answered yes.

Budget Presentation

- The PTO approved a budget at the June 12, 2018 meeting. Changes were made, which included additional expenses.
- There was a motion to vote the final Budget. Budget voted on approved.
- Motion made that the PTO cover any remaining shortfall in the total amount needed to pay the mural artists. Motion voted on and approved.

Events

- Bounce Carnival: The carnival will include an artists greeting with the mural artists.
- Proposal for a letter writing campaign for kids to thank artists
- Silent Auction needs volunteers/donations

Committees

- Fundraising Committee:
 - Encourage parents to use Amazon button when shopping online. Bringing back pancake event. Movie night scheduled for October, as well as Pumpkin Patch.
 - Committee needs experience grant writers; we could get a lot more grants and corporate donations.
- Diversity Committee:
 - Doing a lot of work behind the scenes to help the community feel safe
- Transportation Committee:
 - We lost two crossing guards, so emails were sent to the 77th precinct. As a result of the inquiries, we got four new crossing guards.
 - The city has an app called Report It NYC to report parking/driving violations.



- Communications Committee:
 - Committee is looking for someone familiar with Word Press and other volunteers to write the PS9 newsletter and help with other communications, including social media.
- Garden Committee:
 - PS9 Received a grant for a garden program.
- General: The PTO needs someone to make purchases.

Meeting Concluded at 7:42 pm