

TAOTS PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday - January 19, 2017
Library – 6:30 p.m
Minutes recorded by Anna Messina

- I. Call to order 7:19 p.m. by Co-Presidents Leslie Tulumello and Sandy Chum-Wu.
- II. **Principal's Report:** presented by Melissa Appelbaum
 - Thanked the PTO members for providing the attendance prizes for the two recent winning students. The next attendance incentive is at the class level and the prize will be a bowling trip.
 - Stay tuned for an upcoming Test Prep meeting for grades 3-5. Information will be going home soon.
- III. **Fundraiser Updates:**
 - **Box Tops:** presented by Philip Sum
Contest is continuing through the end of February. The class with the most box tops will receive a pizza party. K-122 is currently in the lead. Please remember to label bags with child's name AND class.
 - **Movie Night:**
Will be Friday, January 20 at 6:00pm. The movie with the winning votes was "The Secret Life of Pets".
82 tickets have been pre-purchased. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. There will be snacks for sale. Please be mindful about being tidy and that children must be supervised.
 - **Barclay's Circus event:**
The TAOTS Family Event is on February 26th. It is one of the last Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus shows. We have sold about 175 tickets so far. Ticket sales are ending with a firm deadline of January 21, 2017. Go to the PTO site for a link to purchase your tickets.
- IV. **President's Report:**
 - The PTO is sponsoring visits from the New York Historical Society in the months of February through May. Teachers have chosen their preferred topics based on their curriculum. All classes will participate in one of these sessions.
 - We have partnered with Land's End to provide uniform options for our children. More information to come soon.
 - **Gala:** Save the date.... March 17, 2017 at 6:30pm
We need support from our families to help to solicit donations/sponsorships. Everyone should have received a sponsorship packet, otherwise it can be

found on the PTO website. Sponsorship tiers/program were introduced this year as a way to bring in more funds so as to relieve parents of some of the burden. Administration is helping us solicit as well.

We are planning to canvas the neighborhood and will be setting up a group. Please sign up and join us.

- V. **Prior Meeting Minutes:** December 15, 2016 meeting minutes were made available and reviewed by Leslie Tulumello and were **approved by a vote of: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**

VI. **Treasurer's Report** (Irina Furmanskaya)

- Review of December 31, 2016 Financial Report. Direct Appeal increased in December and we are continuing that trend into January. With corporate matching we are at almost 50% of our Direct Appeal goal. Picture Day total is not final due to retake day adjustments.

Expenses: Key items- Barclays down payment and Construction Kids trip sponsorship for 2nd grade.

Amazon rewards haven't been accumulating as well as expecting. To earn the most funds for the school, please click on the Amazon link from the PTO website. Logging into Amazon Smiles accumulates rewards at a lower rate.

December 31, 2016 Financial Report approved by a vote of: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

- Review of Interim Financial Report from 7/1/16 – 1/15/17. It was explained that Lovable Labels income is accruing but will not be sent to us until June.

Interim Financial Report approved by a vote of: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

- VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.