

PTA General Meeting  
March 16, 2022 at 9:30 am

## Agenda

### I. Call to Order

- Rebecca Lupardo called the meeting to order

### II. Review and Approval of the Minutes

- Rebecca Lupardo made a motion to approve the agenda and waive the reading of the meeting minutes. Motion passed.

### III. Principal's Report

- Valerie Laek

As everyone is aware we started the week with the lifting of mask mandates. Everyone entering the building still needs to fill out the NYC DOE health screening form. Visitors no longer need to show vaccination card or wear a mask. They must fill out the health screening form.

The garden on the roof is looking good. If anyone wants to help Amanda email [pta@75morton.org](mailto:pta@75morton.org).

Please fill out the school survey forms. There is a prize. The class that has the most forms turned in receive a pizza party. May also hand out elevator passes. The kids love that.

Shelter in Place is when the school is asked to keep everyone in the building because there is a threat outside. Students and faculty can still move about the building as scheduled. Just no one can leave. This is unlike a Lockdown where students gather in the back of the classroom and the doors are locked due to a threat inside the building. That Friday the local precinct informed the school to Shelter In due to an outside threat. After ten minutes the precinct called to inform the school that there was no threat and it was safe to lift the Shelter In. Valerie is comforted to know that the local precinct is looking out for the safety of our students and community.

### IV. Treasurers' Report

Mike Sobel

February was a slow month, given that it was short and with the Feb break. We increased Family Giving very slightly to \$32k which is 35% of our budget. Our total revenue stands at \$44k which is 21% of our budget. Expenditures are in line with our spending and they stand at \$42k for the year which is 20% of our budget. Our net revenue is \$1,525 for the year and our bank balance is \$354k.

Maya says they'll do another push for family giving before the end of the year. But it's good that we have a cushion in our bank balance.

### V. Presidents' Report

#### a. Past Events & Initiatives

##### i. Cooking Class

This week was the last of our online cooking series with Freshmade. It's so fun seeing the kids and families cook together. Thank you to Morton parent Cara Silverman who owns Freshmade and provided the classes.

ii. Java w/ Jill

Jill is so thankful to have Sean Grover meet with our parents. Over 30 people participated last week. Congratulations to all the 8th graders who submitted their high school applications. Every 8th grade student applied. Parents can now breathe. If your child was missing from Picture Day or you saw the pictures and don't recognize your child, or your child absolutely hates their picture you must email Jill [jill@75morton.org](mailto:jill@75morton.org) by March 23rd to schedule their make up day, March 24.

iii. Talent Show

It was so wonderful to see the kids perform. All grades were in attendance and were supportive of the performers. It was also so nice to have the performers' families there. The video will be available online after Jill secures permission from everyone.

b. Upcoming Events & Initiatives

i. Parent Teacher Conferences - Wed March 9 & Thurs. March 10

ii. Cooking Class - Tues. March 15, 5-6

iii. Java w/ Jill - Fri. March 25, 9-10am

iv. Ken&Renee - Tues. April 5, 9-10am

Ken and Renee are back again to guide us in a meaningful discussion about how we feel about our community and create a broader vision for what an equitable and diverse school environment can be. The discussion is always so worth the time and highly recommended to attend if you can make it.

v. Bowl-a-thon - Date TBD

Corinne said there has been a date set for Saturday, April 30th from 2-4pm. This year it will be held at Frames Bowling Lounge at Port Authority Bus Terminal. Our fundraising goal is \$20,000. This is a fun event usually held at the beginning of the year as a way to get to know everyone. Bowlers can be students, families and staff. Registration is \$20. 75 Morton staff registration is waived since they are giving up their weekend afternoon for us. Bowlers need to ask their friends and family for pledges. If everyone gets \$20 from 15 friends that would be \$300 and we would make our fundraising goal. There are 64 spots available. Register at [go.rallyup.com/75Morton2022](http://go.rallyup.com/75Morton2022) Teams are up to 7 people. Email [bowl-a-thon@75morton.org](mailto:bowl-a-thon@75morton.org) to form your team.

vi. Video Festival - Date TBD

Last year's video festival was such a hit that we're doing it again. Students are encouraged to create a short 30 second to 3 minute video to submit to this year's video festival. [videofest@75morton.org](mailto:videofest@75morton.org)

c. PTA/SLT Elections

i. Nominations open at April PTA meeting - April 27

Thank you to Ute for being part of our nominating committee. Hard to believe it's that time of year again. If you would like to help Ute and be part of the nominating committee email [pta@75morton.org](mailto:pta@75morton.org). All the job requires is that you are not running for a position and you run the elections at the May PTA meeting.

d. 8th Grade Graduation

Parents are still catching their breath from submitting high school applications. We know where the graduation will be held. The rest is still in the works. Fun stuff will be planned to celebrate our graduates.

VI. Old Business

VII. Nominating Committee Formation

VIII. New Business