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**MS 447 PTA MEETING MINUTES**

**February 13, 2019, 6:00 PM, Cafeteria**

**President’s Report - Natalie Pitta**

- PTA General Meeting Minutes were approved from January 23, 2019

- Thank you to all re: Annual Appeal, food and supply donations

- Spring Auction Update - Friday, May 3, 2019 at Littlefield

* Need sponsors and donations and people to take over categories - For example, ski resorts, vacation homes, art, experiences, etc. We have an ongoing list and everything you need to get started. Email 447auction@gmail.com.

- Bylaw Change/New Position(s), Update on Diversity Committee, IDEA Q & A :

(Not enough people in attendance. This will be pushed to next agenda)

- PTA and SLT Openings Next Year - Elections held in May or June. Contact Donna Gyurko at tiburko@gmail.com if you’re interested. Come to a board meeting - Friday, March 8, 8:15 AM, Room 332.

**Treasurers’ Report - Martha Teagle**

- Mid-year PTA Budget Review: see below re: Annual Appeal

**Principal’s Report**

* The March 15 Intervisitation Day was officially approved by DOE, so that is a non-attendance day for kids, with option for Leap programming at school.
* February 28 are SLCs. At that time, we will also ask parents to fill out their DOE School Survey (green envelope).
* Thank you to everyone who participated in our BLM at School Community Night

 **General Q & A**

**Upcoming PTA Events**

* **Monday, 2/25/19--Spring Auction Meeting, Gorilla Coffee, 472 Bergen St., 8:15 AM**
* **Parents’ Night Out, Halyards, Thursday, 3/7, 6:30 PM**
* **Tuesday, 3/26/19--PTA General Meeting, 6 PM**

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**Important Annual Appeal News**

In the next few weeks, you'll be hearing less about the Annual Appeal and more about the Spring Auction. But before we move on, we want to let you know where we stand.

This year we've raised approximately 15% less money than we raised at the same time last year.

The success of our Annual Appeal is important. Our PTA helps to pay for things like:

* Before and after school activities including sports clubs, Wolf Press, yearbook, Science Night, and more
* Grants for art, dance, music, and theater classes
* Overnight trip scholarships for MS 447 families
* Snacks for students on field days and in the counseling suite
* 8th grade activities like graduation and the prom
* Staff appreciation lunch and overnight trip stipends
* Constitution Works
* Our entire Exploration Program

If you are able to contribute to our school, we encourage you to [make a 100% tax-deductible donation today](https://ms447brooklyn.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4df2feefb036ec3bedb84523d&id=7c1aa3f88e&e=8cee71aa56).

We'd like to say a sincere thank you to the 82 families who have contributed so far.

**MS 447's Parents' Night Out**

**Thursday, March 7, 6:30 PM and join us at** [**Halyards**](https://ms447brooklyn.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4df2feefb036ec3bedb84523d&id=4e3a656e96&e=8cee71aa56)**,** [**406 3rd Avenue**](https://ms447brooklyn.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4df2feefb036ec3bedb84523d&id=120d83d59c&e=8cee71aa56)**.**

 It was so much fun last November, we decided to do it again next month.

This isn't a fundraiser, it's a FUNraiser! Just show up, have a drink, bring a friend, meet other parents. All are welcome. That night, we're going to give one lucky raffle winner a ticket to our Spring Auction, May 3. If you can't make it and would like to be entered in the raffle, email 447auction@gmail.com.

**NY International Children's Film Festival**

The NY Int'l Children's Film Festival 2019 showcases new films for ages 3-18. Our school can earn $3 for every ticket you purchase.

Celebrate the best new international films through the Festival's wildly-popular short film programs in addition to feature films playing throughout the city.

Opening night features *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, at the SVA Theater on 23rd Street in NYC, 2/22/19, 5:30 PM. This was MS 447's 2016 summer reading book. For Tickets: <http://nyicff.org/tickets/> and select MS 447.