PTA General Meeting **17 December 2020 / 6:00 PM / Zoom**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1.**Treasurer’s Report**

Brian Nagel : Budget Update and Breakdown

Direct Appeal underway: GOAL=170K

Virtual Eat Pie & Shop raised $6,819 (Goal was 5K)

Book Fair raised $2K

Giving Tuesday $41K (Facebook matching will be determined mid-January)

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Virtual Afterschool**: Report by Marie; The new Virtual Afterschool Program has gotten off to a good start. Vendors familiar to PS29 as well as teachers are running classes. Teachers are a big draw, with members indicating that their children only signed up for a class because their teacher was running it. The classes in progress with conclude during the week of March 5. There will be a new slate of classes added to the catalog in January. The goal is to keep interest in afterschool programming so that in the Fall *if we are able to* run an in-person program there will be interest.
2. **Fundraising at PS29** and the value of this. There are fundamental needs of the school community. The group was given information as to where the funds go:
	* + - 1. 3 teacher salaries
				2. Teacher development (best practices for remote learning etc)
				3. Desks
				4. Water filters
				5. Seating for outdoor lessons
				6. Headset mics for teachers
3. **PS29 Community Involvement**:
	* + - 1. PS29 collected 100 coats for donation to NY Cares
				2. First grader made cards to give to Meals on Wheels recipients
				3. Food Drive in progress and ends Dec 18
				4. $1200 contributed to PS24: our Partner school in Sunset Park
4. **COVID Update:** There was a plea to the PS29 community to mindful of behaviors that could contribute to school closure. Help keep the school open! 85% of children are in Hybrid. Be conservative with social activities, wear masks, social distance. It only takes 2 UNCONNECTED COVID cases in the school to close the building. Let’s stay healthy and safe!

**Next meeting** General PTA Meeting January 14, 2021 Zoom 6:00PM