

LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Virtual (via Zoom) and In-person meeting, LVMS Library, Long Valley, NJ

In Attendance: Corrine Benzyon, Bilynda Brown, Diana Buckley, Jessica DeCicco, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Els (online), Allyson Gallup, Ruchika Gupta, Kimberly Miele, Michael Mirabella, Tori Reade, Nancy Roseblatt, Jessica Santaiti (online) and Chris Satmary, Denise Wall.

Welcome / Introductions: Nina Dorlon called the meeting to order and welcomed/thanked attendees at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved: The minutes from the April 11th meeting were approved, with a motion made by Jess DeCicco; seconded by Bilynda Brown. All were in favor.

Communications Update: Updates will be made to the LVMS PTA website, as we approach the end of the school year. Ashley Collins is looking for input for the May edition of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Update: There is a balance of \$40,736.78 in the checking account. This accounts for the recent donation by the LV Junior Women's Club, box tops, Amazon Smile and the Hershey fundraiser.

Membership Update:

- The 2022-23 PTA Membership Drive will put special emphasis on acquiring more school staff, more families, and new 5th grade parents. The big membership push will kick off July 1.

Student Socials/Assemblies:

- Chris Satmary is looking at "Go Games" for a 6th grade scavenger hunt, possibly in May. The location is to be determined (TBD), but will require outdoor lights.
- The group discussed whether another 7th grade social would be held, but that is not likely as we wind down the school year.
- Assemblies for next year: The group discussed sending out a survey to staff for ideas.

Fundraising:

- **Sunshine Fund Program:** We'd like to support a "sunshine fund" to benefit students who may be in need. The group discussed how to create awareness of the program, and determined that it would be best to have the school nurse be the point of contact.
- **Color Run:** While the PTA was trying to plan for a Color Run this school year - during the school day for students - the school said no. Plans are now being made to hold this in the fall of 2022. Possible dates are September 10, 17, or 24. This may evolve into a family event vs. student only on a Saturday.
- **Hershey Park:** This fundraiser made a little less than \$400 in proceeds.
- **New Ideas:** A 50/50 Raffle, Penny Wars and selling Excusal Notepads, personalized by Family Name, are some new fundraising ideas discussed with the group.

Teacher Appreciation Week: This is presently happening May 2-6. Plans for teachers/staff are as follows: Monday, a breakfast; Tuesday, a nachos bar; Wednesday, a massage therapist and spa atmosphere; Thursday, movie themed with a popcorn machine, candy bar; Friday, a luncheon. We need a photographer and step & repeat banner. Gift cards and awards will be given out.

6th & 7th Grade Spring Carnival, May 25. We need to supply 6-8 parent volunteers, mostly for concessions (popcorn, cotton candy, snowcones).

June 2 Middle School Orientation: The school has scheduled an evening orientation for the parents/guardians of incoming 6th graders, 7-8:30 p.m. on June 2. The PTA has been invited to attend/host a table.

8th Grade Events: The 8th grade events kick off in June as follows, all supported by the PTA:

- June 3: Jeopardy Game between House 1 and House 2.
- June 10: Celebration Dance. There will be a theme reveal next week. Online invitations will go out with a sign-up genius. Decorations cost \$850. Jess DeCicco is collected beach chairs.
- June 15: Promotion After Party, 8-11 p.m. An invitation will go out the week of May 16. The cost per ticket is \$20.

Mr. Mirabella: Mr. Mirabella gave his report on LVMS happenings. He suggested having a PTA membership table at events like the Talent Show and Spring Concert.

Next Meeting: June 13.