

Minutes

LVMS PTA General Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2021, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

In-person at Long Valley Middle School Library and broadcast over Zoom

In Attendance: Kelli Bentrewicz, Ashley Collins, Kristi Daggett, Jessica DeCicco, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Els, Mark Ippolito, Stacey Kratochvil, Nadine Noonan, Nancy Rosenblatt, Tori Reade, Nancy Rosenblatt, Chris Satmary, Lisa Singh.

1. Welcome / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with PTA President Nina Dorlon welcoming attendees, who were present over zoom and in the room.

2. Approval of Minutes

3. **Installation of Secretary.** A motion was made by Tori Reade to install Ashley Collins as the PTA's Secretary. Nina Dorlon seconded the motion and all were in favor.

4. Reports

Assemblies: Chair Jessica DeCicco gave an update on the student assemblies she had proposed at the 9/22 PTA meeting. The painter, Tom Varano, will not present outdoors; (two to three other painters will). Dr. Paul Wichansky, "Just the Way You Are", will do indoor or outdoor presentations. Jess continues to research assembly options, and cited an idea for having an astronaut speak. This idea was found on the PTA Leaders & Volunteers Facebook group. Nina Dorlon proposed that we query the teachers to see what assembly topics they would like to see; how topics can supplement/enrich the classroom experience.

Treasurer's Report: The PTA account balances are \$41,000. As reported at the September 22 meeting, the LVMS PTA's Game of Chance license has lapsed. To reinstate, we need the articles of incorporation and a letter of good standing from the NJPTA.

Membership. Chair, Tori Reade, reported that to date there are 134 memberships, which equates to 116 individual and 18 staff memberships for 2021-2022.

Communications. Chair Ashley Collins reported that the October PTA newsletter would publish by the week of 10/11. ; a monthly publication. Issues can be accessed on the PTA's and website. The PTA will highlight on its social media (Facebook and Instagram) the school's upcoming "Stomp Out Bullying" campaign, and the "Pink Out" event for breast cancer awareness. We will continue to share school news in the PTA's communication channels.

Student Socials. Chris Satmary, 6th grade Social Chair, reported that she and co-chair Tori Reade continue to look at venues and activities for the 6th grade social (several were proposed at the 9/22 PTA meeting). New: Mt. Olive Center Bubble can offer kickball or a ninja course.

Jessica DeCicco is chairing the 8th grade social and is also looking at options, Glow Bowling with a DJ is one.

President's Report.

Nina Dorlon reported that there is currently no Book Fair Chair, a fundraiser that made \$870 last year, and set a goal of finding one in the next week. Several other PTA Committee positions remain open, as well.

Nina then reported that the LVMS PTA agreed to host the upcoming WTP Board of Education Meet the Candidate Night with the OFRS PTA on October 19 at Valley View Chapel.

Lastly, our PTA teacher liaisons, Nancy Rosenblatt and Alicia Semeraro, will soon meet with Nina to discuss their proposed spring carnival for the 6th and 7th graders.

5. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Mark Ippolito reported concerns over student response to the recent Tik Tok Challenges. The bathrooms have been “trashed” and he has been consumed with disciplinary matters. He had received notification from the county about this mischief/TT challenge. The group discussed the matter and suggestions ranged from tapping into the peer leader program, asking student government leaders and launching a character/self awareness/respect campaign.

Mr. Ippolito then reiterated should the PTA fund any school initiatives or needs, the priority would be updates & improvements to the PAC's windows & lighting, school fields, and most importantly, funding student experiences. Having interesting and impactful programming for the kids would be ideal, as they did not have much last year due to Covid.

6. **Conclusion / Next Meeting.** The meeting concluded at 9:11 p.m. The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. live at the LVMS Library, and virtually over Zoom. Upcoming meetings are: Dec 2, Jan 4, Feb 1, March 2, April 4 (Monday), May 3, June 7