

LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

In-person meeting, purespace studio, Long Valley, NJ

In Attendance: Ashley Collins, Jessica DeCicco, Michelle Els, Allyson Gallup, Tori Reade, and Chris Satmary

Welcome / Introductions: Tori Reade called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes Approved/Communications Update: Ashley Collins, Secretary, submitted the minutes from the February 9th meeting. She made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Michelle Els. All were in favor. The group discussed communicating immediate event deadlines: the 8th yearbook ads; the 7th grade social registration; ticket sale deadline for the Spring Wine Tasting fundraiser. Ashley will reach out to Mr. Mirabella to send a blackboard announcement to the LVMS community ASAP.

Treasurer's Update: Allyson Gallup reported a balance of \$39,484.38 in the checking account.

Membership Update: Tori Reade reported that membership is the same since our February meeting, with 221 members (199 families and 22 staff).

Student Socials: Chris Satmary is looking into scavenger hunt options with "The Go Game" for a 6th grade Spring social. The rescheduled 7th grade social will take place on April 11 at Circle Lanes in Ledgewood. Kristi Daggett and Kelly Pelesky are the chairs. The group then discussed whether an 8th grade social will happen since there are so many events for that grade.

President's Report: Tori Reade presented the PTA President's Report for Nina Dorlon (not present).

- She thanked Michelle Els who hosted the 3/22 meeting in her purespace studio, to coincide with a free meditation and yoga stretch class at the end. The intent was to offer something new to parents and to boost attendance.
- The WT PTA Presidents met with Superintendent Turnamian recently at their monthly meeting. Nina learned that LVMS will continue to mix/rotate the Houses this Fall, so students are in with new classmates.
- Mr. Mirabella emailed his report on school events, academics, spirit, and PR/communications.

Highlights and important events include:

- Spring sports will begin April 4
- Marking period 4 begins 4/13
- Fifth grade student orientation is 5/20 for OFRS/BAC, and 5/23 for FKS.
- 6th & 7th Grade Carnival is 5/25, 9 am - 3 pm. The PTA has pledged \$6500 toward the event.
- A middle school orientation for parents & students is planned for either 5/31 or 6/1. The PTA has been offered a table space, (a good promotional opportunity).
- Fifth grade picnic is on 6/3.
- 8th grade Jeopardy is also on 6/3

- The 8th grade class trip happens 6/6-7
- The 8th grade celebration dance is 6/10
- 8th grade after promotion party is on 6/16
- Thank yous were noted to the PTA for sponsoring the March student assembly with Gian Paul Gonzalez, and the upcoming April 6th assembly with speed painter Martina Hahn.

Teacher Grants: Three teacher grants were awarded and disbursed since our last meeting.

Fundraising:

- Ticket sales close on April 6 for the Spring Wine Tasting happening on April 29. Last effort communications/reminders will go out.
- Heather Janoski has agreed to chair/manage Hershey Park ticket sales.
- Color Run: Chairs Chris Satmary and Michelle Els spoke with “Get Moving”, a company used by OFRS. For \$499, they provide a turnkey plan and marketing for the run. The PTA would administer it. Chris proposed doing this at the school as a 5K. This coming Fall would be a good time, to allow for planning, etc.

Events:

- Book Fair: this February event made a profit of \$1,037 (with \$4,400 gross sales). Chair Jessica Santaiti has reserved the week of March 6, 2023 for next year’s book fair.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. Last year, Pezzo’s Pizza was brought in; \$5 Coffee Potter gift cards were distributed; there was a raffle and a “sponsor a teacher” page was shared for contributions. The group agreed to return to the April meeting with ideas to implement.

Next Meetings: April 11, May 3, and June 7.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.