

## LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

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

In-person meeting, OMG Burgers Restaurant, Long Valley, NJ

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In Attendance: Ashley Collins, Jessica DeCicco, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Els, Allyson Gallup, Lauren Huston, Tori Reade, Suzanne Sanders, and Chris Satmary.

### Welcome / Introductions:

Our 10/3 gathering was promoted as a “Meet & Mingle” for LVMS families and held at OMG Burgers Restaurant in Long Valley. Nina Dorlon called the meeting to order and welcomed/thanked attendees at 7:00 p.m.

### Treasurer’s Update:

- Allyson Gallup reported a \$18,565.90 balance.
- Our net income for the month of September was \$1,233.59. Total expenses were \$102.81.

### Minutes Approved:

The September 7th meeting minutes were approved, with a motion made **by ?**; seconded by Allyson Gallup. All were in favor.

### Communications:

- The October PTA newsletter will publish next week, 10/10.
- Tori Reade and Ashley Collins met with Caralee Gately, the district technology coordinator, on 9/22 for a lesson on posting to the WTSchools app. This allows the PTA to post in the school’s “live feed” and the longer form “news”.
- PTA events are now listed in the school calendar. <https://www.wtschools.org/o/lvms/events>

### Membership:

- More teachers have joined in the past month, bringing PTA membership to 184 memberships (21 staff / 163 families).

### Student Assemblies:

- All grades will enjoy an African Drummer ensemble on 2/8/23, thanks to Assembly Chair, Jessica DeCicco.
- 7th and 8th graders will enjoy a second assembly, The Signature Project, later in the Spring.
- On 10/13, a free Cyber Safety Awareness Assembly will be coming to the whole school.

### Fundraising/Color Run:

- The Color Run event will now happen Sunday. 10/16 at 12noon. Rescheduled from 10/1 due to low registration numbers.
- More promotion is needed and planned via the WTSchools app, PTA News, SM, etc.
- Chris Satmary and Michelle Els are still looking for business sponsors to sponsor a color marker, and at incentives for the students to fundraise.

**Student Socials:**

- Plans are underway for an 8th grade social. Allyson Gallup reached out to Kelly Pelesky, Kristi Daggat and other interested 8th grade parents.
- The 7th grade scavenger hunt social will now happen on Oct.21
- The 6th grade social will be roller skating and pizza on 11/3 at Villa Roller Rink. Melissa Cervenka is chairing the event.

**Teacher Grants:**

- Nina Dorlon set a 11/15 deadline for the PTA's Teacher Grant applications.
- This will allow time for the committee to review and award grants by the December break. Past committee members will be asked to serve again.
- The group discussed highlighting what was awarded last year in communications.

**Upcoming Events/New Ideas/Other:**

- The Scholastic Book Fair is happening 11/1-11/4. Determining best date for set-up. Volunteers needed.
- The Holiday Shop will kick off 12/5 and run through 12/9. Jessica Santaiti is the Chair., but needs a co-chair to help.
- We have a open positions to fill: Holiday Shop Co-Chair / Teacher Grant Committee / Standing Rules Committee
- The group discussed sending a "no-pressure" membership letter to rally families to join the PTA. Messaging would emphasize that "even if you don't have the time to volunteer, your financial support of \$20 is needed and will support the PTA".

**Next Meeting:**

- November 2 at 7 p.m. in the LVMS Library.
- Future meeting dates are 12/7, and in 2023: 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 5/1, and 6/7