### **LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes**

### **December 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

### In-person meeting & Zoom - held in LVMS School Library

In Attendance: Jen Moore, Bindya Madane, Gee Greco, Michael Hild, Tori Reade, Chris Satmary, Melanie Bratton, Kim Miele, Meredith Abbate, JoAnn Paris, Griffin Veletto, Chantle Leeman, Jess DeCicco.

**Presidents Welcome:**

Jen Moore called the meeting to order and welcomed/thanked attendees at 7:06 p.m. She spoke of the Holiday Shop success and that feedback has been coming in about it. She also mentioned the Volleyball tournament idea and the 8th grade end of year dance committee that is need of volunteers. A third signer was added to the bank account - Bindya Madane.

**Secretary Update:**

* Gee Greco shared an update that the Newsletter is forthcoming.
* November meeting minutes were distributed
  + A motion to approve these minutes was made by Bindya, all were in favor.

**Treasurer’s Update:**

* Michael reported a $9,562.32 balance of our primary account and $7,630.56 is in our raffle account totaling $17,192.88.
* Holiday shop
  + $5,947. expenditure
  + $6,027. Income
* Assemblies
  + $2,800 check to Jack Wallace for assembly
* Raffle registration renewal was filed $100 - plus $35 late fee
* PTA Dues were paid to NJPTA
* Venmo is up and running
  + @PTA-LVMS

**Membership:**

* Chris Satmary gave the Membership report
* 213 Total Memberships - 183 individuals, 30 staff

**Penny Wars:**

* Final update had been given in November, no update needed

**Assemblies:**

* Jack Wallace will be coming on 1/30. He has been paid in full.

**Book Fair:**

* Chairperson and volunteers are needed.
* Last year we made $715 total income
* Looking for a February Date

**Holiday Shop Recap:**

* Jen Moore gave this update, as Jessica was not present.
* Many suggestions for improvement have come in. We will look to student advisors for feedback as well for next year.
* $25 items were unexpected, some people didn’t bring enough money. Going forward, prices should be communicated so that families are prepared.

**Fundraising:**

* Volleyball Event:
  + Lots of discussion about this new event.
  + Gym space and logistics are a big concern.
  + Debate whether this should be an after school event or a saturday all day community event.
    - Students enjoy staying later at school for events, and it would work best for scheduling and transportation of students.
    - If it ends up being more of a community event, a whole day Saturday would be better to accommodate all that will be involved.
  + Ticket sales, concessions, 50/50, corporate sponsored shirts - all to bring in $
  + Teams could raise money ?
  + Small tricky tray in the PAC for parents to attend while their kids play
  + 6-12 kids per team
  + Looking at April dates, after basketball season has ended
* Shoe Drive:
  + Runs for 60 days
  + More than 90 bags, then freight is free. Under 90 bags we will pay $89 in shipping
  + Everything we need is included: Social media content, event coach, flyers all provided
  + Shoes need to be in good shape
  + Coordinate with stores, restaurants, sports teams, gyms, etc.
  + Storage could be an issue - looking to see if Jeff’s barn would be available to store the shoes until shipping - as that could be up to 30 days after event ends
  + Event could run from Volleyball Event, and end with an event at the Coffee Potter

**Principal’s Report**

* Mr. Mirabella was unable to attend this meeting - so no report was given.

**Old Business**

* Student Advisory Council discussion continued.
  + Mrs. Abbate will work on student feedback from student council. She asked that something be sent to her to share with kids and they will get feedback from homeroom classes.
  + Students should create a logo for this council.
  + Kids could attend PTA meetings to ask questions and actively participate
  + We would like a good cross section of students, not just the Student Council to be this Advisory Council for more diverse opinions to be shared.
  + Holiday Shop, Volleyball Event and Book Fair - feedback is requested

**New Business**

* Melanie Bratton proposed a Roller Skating fundraiser at Villa in Washington
  + $12 per person - includes skates, 2 hours skating, pizza and soda
  + Up to 150 kids can fit - if we book over 150, they will give us a private event. We could mark up to $25 for profit.
  + Tuesday or Thursday 6-8 pm
  + Looking to do it over Spring Break for anyone who is not traveling. addressed Social Media Posting.
* 8th Grade committee
  + Volunteers should reach out via email to get on this committee to plan dance etc.

**Next Meeting**:

* January 10th at 7 p.m. in the LVMS Library.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.**