

## LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

**September 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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**In Attendance:** Courtney Averyt, Carrie Capone, Melissa Cervenka, Ashley Collins, Jessica DeCicco, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Els, Allyson Gallup, Lauren Huston, Sirdonia Johnson, Stefanie Lourenco, Barbara Marrero, Michael Mirabella, Isabela Novaes, Joann Paris, Tori Reade, Jessica Santaiti, Chris Satmary, Monika Sudol, Diane Dominguez Videira.

**Welcome / Introductions:** Nina Dorlon called the meeting to order and welcomed/thanked attendees at 7:05 p.m.

**Treasurer's Update/Allyson Gallup:** Allyson shared last year's budget and what is forecasted for the coming year. There was an ending balance of \$17,891.74 on 6/30/22 in the checking account. Expected income for the new year will be \$39,500 through fundraisers, membership, etc. Similar to last year, the PTA will put \$1,000 toward each grade-level social. Tori Reade made a motion to pass the 2022-23 budget. All were in favor.

**Secretary/Communications Update/Ashley Collins:** Updates are being made to the LVMS PTA website for the new school year. The PTA's September newsletter will publish by 9/14/22. Social media posts are made almost daily, to reach our members. Ashley will contact Mrs. Frost to request PTA events going on the school calendar.

**Membership Update/Tori Reade:**

The PTA's Membership Drive kicked off in July. There are 102 members at this time for the 2022-23 school year. Efforts will continue to encourage people to join and volunteer.

**Student Assemblies/Jess DeCicco:**

Four assembly options were presented to school administration. A free Cyber Safety Awareness Assembly will be coming to the whole school on 10/13. An African Drummer ensemble is being considered for the 6th grade; while the Signature Project may be the choice for 7th and 8th graders. Assistant Principal, Mr. Mirabella has asked to delay the Signature Project for the 6th grade since they saw this at the elementary schools last year.

**Fundraising/Color Run/Chris Satmary:** Fundraising for the Color Run will begin September 12 through "Get Moving Fundraising". Chris expressed that she needs help with incentives to motivate the fundraising. A Sponsorship Committee is forming; five people have volunteered. Chris is looking at business sponsors who can sponsor a color marker at the 10/1 Color Run event. The school, according to Mr. Mirabella, is supportive of the incentives, but nothing academic/or anything that would burden the teachers like a homework pass. Chris will send a new list to the school.

**Book Fair & Holiday Shop/Jessica Santaiti:** Jessica is chairing both PTA sponsored events. The book fair is to scheduled to kick off November 1. We need to establish the best day for set-up. Mr. Mirabella offered to

open the building/resource room after school. The Holiday Shop will be 12/5-9. Last year, stuffies were a hot item. Jessica is looking at other vendors; not continuing with "Frosty's Fair" as the gifts were too juvenile. She is looking for a co-chair to help.

**Student Socials:**

Nina Dorlon pointed out that we need Chairs to head up the 6th and 8th grade socials (Fall & Spring). Ideas for outings are farm visits, ice skating, nerf. Allyson Gallup will ask Kelly Pelesky and Kristi Daggat about chairing the 8th grade.

Tori Reade, who is chairing the 7th Grade Social with Chris Satmary, reported that the Fall social - a scavenger hunt in the LVMS Back Field - will happen on 9/16. Liz George has approved it and it is on the school calendar. Mr. Mirabella will communicate the event on the WTSchools app and morning announcements.

**Teacher Grants/Nina Dorlon:**

Grants will be awarded earlier this year, with a rolling acceptance of applications, since we did not use all of last year's funds. We need to form a committee right away. Nina asked that anyone who is interested, to please email her.

**Other/New Ideas:**

Nina expressed that while volunteers are an important asset to the PTA, giving one's ideas/input is just as important. We have open positions to fill:

- 6th and 8th grade social chairs
- Teacher grant committee
- Holiday shop co-chair
- Student Assemblies co-chair
- Standing Rules Committee

Our Meet and Mingle event is happening 10/3. The PTA is deciding where to have it. Great opportunity for all grade level parents to meet.

**Update from Administration / Mr. Mirabella:** Mr. Mirabella gave his report on LVMS happenings. He spoke about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) being implemented this year to fit the school's "whole child" model. He asked that the PTA promote the WTSchools app and PickUp Patrol to parents. Back to School Nights are happening 9/28 and 9/29.

**Next Meeting:** October 3