

## **LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes**

**April 3, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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In Attendance: Jen Moore, Gee Greco, Tori Reade, Chris Satmary, Jeff Day, Kim Miele, Tracy Ferrante, Lauren Palermo, Griffen Veletto, Meredith Abbate, Natalie Pinto, Jessica Morgan, Jess DeCicco, and Mike Mirabella.

**Presidents Welcome:** Jen Moore called the meeting to order and welcomed/thanked attendees at 7:04 p.m.

**Student Council Feedback:** Mrs. Abbate gave the update.

- Students distributed flyers for the PTA Volleyball event.
- Feedback for the volleyball event was negative in regards to the fact that the students signing up cannot make their own teams. Discussion then led to a decision to allow the kids to sign up as a team with a team leader field on the signup. Students who already signed up will be notified that they can make/choose their own team.
- Griffen contributed thoughts that the kids should at least be able to choose a partner or triple, then PTA can combine those to create whole teams. This way, students know they will be playing with at least one friend. Mr. Mirabella agreed with this strategy.

Students were then dismissed from the meeting.

### **Secretary Update:**

- February minutes were approved by a motion from Bindya, second by Tori. All were in favor.
- March minutes were approved by a motion from Bindya, second by Tori. All were in favor.

### **Treasurer's Update:**

- Jen provided the treasurer update in Michael's absence. Reported an estimated \$7,600 balance in raffle account and \$12,900 is in our primary account.
- Book Fair pending income and payment is not finalized yet

### **Membership:**

- Chris Satmary gave the Membership report
- 215 Total Memberships

### **8th Grade Events:**

- Kim gave update that the fire marshall application is done for the dance event. He will contact the facilities management for a date and time for the walk through.
- Volunteer signup has been sent out, and will coordinate individually. They are moving forward with excitement.

#### **Teacher Grants:**

- Bindya has expressed a need for assistance in getting the ball rolling on teacher grants.
- Letter will be sent out 3rd week of April to the teachers. Jen expressed a need for them to be sent out earlier, so April 10th was decided. It will be a Google Doc Form.
- Mr. Mirabella reminded that school administration wants to approve grants before the committee votes/approves the grants.
- Teachers must be PTA members to apply for the grants
- If PTA can do any outreach to teachers at staff meetings etc, Mr. Mirabella will let us know.

#### **Nomination Committee:**

- Jen reviewed the election rules.
- Michael Hild, Jeff Day and Gee Greco each nominated themselves for the Nomination Committee.
- All candidates were voted upon for the Nomination Committee. All were in Favor, none Opposed.
- A slate will need to be presented at the next PTA meeting.
- Anyone interested in Board Positions should reach out to the Nomination Committee.

#### **Shoe Drive:**

- Jen gave an update. Start date will be 4/8.
- Starter bags were received at the school.
- Box/Bin collection sites will be LVMS, the Coffee Potter, and 10 Naughtright (Jeff's home).
- Press release will be sent asap via social media and Monday Minute. Observer Tribune to be contacted as well.
- The minimum requirement of shoes is high. We are hoping for \$1,000 income.
- Mr. Mirabella will share with the Principals of elementary schools in town.

#### **Volleyball Event:**

- Jess DeCicco gave the update. Foam Fingers, food and drinks will all be sold at the event.
- T Shirt order is ready to go and distribute before the event - probably on the day of the event.
- Bindya will reach out to the WMC volleyball coach to get volunteers to referee and keep score. They can earn volunteer hours.
- Teams will be allowed to sign up together now, based on student feedback. Memberhub will add a field in the signup form.
- Max total students: 60 players.

#### **Kendra Scott Fundraiser:**

- Giveback 20% from two-day sale. QR code and link to shop will be shared
- April 19-20. Shop online only
- Delivered in time for Mothers Day.

### **Principal's Report**

- Mr. Mirabella gave the Principal's Report. Highlights:
  - Trivia for 7th & 8th grade on 4/12
  - Addams Family Musical 4/18-19
  - NJSLA Testing will be coming up in May
  - Field Trips are in the works. Not all are finalized, stay tuned.
  - 6th grade Parent Orientation on 5/30
    - PTA Representation should be there
    - Spirit Wear should be open for that event as well

### **Teacher Appreciation:**

- Jess Morgan gave update. Will be May 6-10. Setup in LCC. Working on theme.
- She needs donations asap to be able to plan and budget. Last year total was \$3,800.
- Signup Genius will be sent when a plan is made

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Eclipse glasses have been purchased by the district (\$1,011.43) - and they are now requesting that the PTA contributes all or some of the cost. Discussion led to a decision to contribute \$500 from the PTA, as it benefits all students, but at the same time the PTA does not have the budget for such a large unexpected cost. All agreed \$500 is fair.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.**