

LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Jen Moore, Gee Greco, Tori Reade, Chris Satmary, Jess DeCicco, Renee Puglisi, Laura Hunter, Meredith Abbate, Ella (student), Rishi (student) and Mike Mirabella.

Presidents Welcome: Jen Moore called the meeting to order and welcomed/thanked attendees at 7:08 p.m.

Student Council Feedback: Mrs. Abbate gave the update.

- Students were asked for feedback about the 8th grade dance. Snacks they are interested in: Cupcakes, Ice cream, chips. Prizes they would like are gift cards to Amazon, Dunkin, Coffee Potter, Target. Photo booth: yes they would love that. 55% of the students polled would like semiformal, 20% voted for casual, and 25% were fine with either. No specific music/songs were requested "we just want to rock". Other suggestions: Air Conditioning, confetti, and an inflatable air person (like at carwashes).
- She will seek feedback from students about the volleyball game: Tshirts for sale or just for players (included in registration?), panthers or volleyball themed items, chromebook skins.
- Student council is putting on a Trivia Event for 7th and 8th graders coming up, as well as a Talent Show in May.

Students were then dismissed from the meeting.

President's Report: Jen expressed interest in highlighting notable topics at the top of the Monday Minute for easy reference. She also shared that the Stem Expo will be coming up on 3/16.

Secretary Update:

- February meeting minutes were still being put together by Jen Moore. She hopes to get them finished and approved by the board offline.

Treasurer's Update:

- Michael reported a \$7,630.56 balance of raffle account and \$9,969.33 is in our primary account.
- The audit committee needs to be formed by 3 volunteers. Kelly Roman had signed up at BTS night, someone will reach out to her and we will see if we can get another two people to help with that.

Membership:

- Chris Satmary gave the Membership report

- 214 Total Memberships

Book Fair:

- Feedback was that kids didn't have notice to bring money. Parents have expressed that house 3 kids always get left with small selection after everyone has shopped - can we mix up the order in which the houses shop so that it's more fair. Book levels are a concern. PTA needs to push the digital book fair link.

Assemblies:

- Fantastic feedback from Jack Wallace. Kids held his paralympic medals, his dad attended with him which brought another level of familiarity. Overall great reviews from students and teachers.

8th Grade Celebration:

- Chairs will be connecting with student council and Mrs. Abbate about June 7th event.
- Graduation broadcast issues were discussed - the link needs to be shared ahead of time due to the lack of service in the valley.
- Fire inspector needs to be taken care of ASAP.
- See feedback from Student Advisory Council

Yard Signs:

- This fundraiser benefits Project Graduation. LVMS PTA will share links.
- Interest was discussed in LVMS Sports doing a sign fundraiser next year. Chris Satmary has the connection. This would need to be done in September for the fall sports - and follow suit in April for the spring sports.

Nomination Committee:

- Needs to be 3 people, cannot be the current president. This committee needs to be formed before the April PTA Meeting. Slate will be announced at the May PTA Meeting. Elections will be held in the June PTA Meeting.

Fundraising:

- Shoe Drive:
 - Spirit points will be awarded to grades or houses - Mr. Mirabella is on board with that idea.
 - Communication should be sent to sports coaches to spread the word.
 - Student council can set up during collection events and sporting events. Communication needs to be crafted.
 - 60 day drive. April 1 start.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Mirabella gave the Principal's Report. Highlights:
 - Stem Expo 3/16

- NJSLA Testing will be coming up in May
- Field Trips are in the works. Not all are finalized, stay tuned.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 6-10
- Teacher Grants will run in April to be awarded during Teacher Appreciation Week. A committee is needed for the grants process.
- Renee Puglisi noted that the TREPS market will be held during the Stem Fair and is a cash only event so please don't forget to bring cash.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.