

LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

In-person meeting & broadcast over Zoom

In Attendance: Ashley Collins, Sue Connolly, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Els, Allyson Gallup, Tori Reade, Nancy Rosenblatt, Chris Satmary

Welcome / Introductions: PTA President Nina Dorlon called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees, who were present over Zoom.

Minutes Approved/Communications Update: Ashley Collins, Secretary, submitted the minutes from the January meeting. She made a motion to approve the minutes, Allyson Gallup seconded, and all were in favor. The PTA's monthly newsletter was published as a double issue on Jan. 27, covering January and February news.

Treasurer's Update: Allyson Gallup reported a balance of \$41,292.72 in the checking account. Deposits were made for the Holiday Shop, and there is a healthy balance in the accounts. The group discussed running a 50/50, and how/when to sell (at school events? online?). Allyson cited that transactions/purchases would have to be cash, check or with the square reader. Nina Dorlon will reach out to chairs Wendy Garcia and Sara Longuiera.

Membership Update: Tori Reade reported that one new member joined, bringing membership to 221 (199 families and 22 staff).

Student Socials: Chris Satmary is looking at outdoor venues (laser tag) for a Spring 6th grade social. The 7th grade social, being organized by Kristi Daggett and Kelly Pelesky, should get off the ground in March/April. Not likely that another 8th grade social will happen since there are so many events for that grade.

Teacher Grants: Three teacher grants were awarded. \$80 to Mrs. Melda for an Interactive Smart Globe; \$1,000 to Mr. Ferrante to enhance the lighting and provide sound for the LVMS Live News Student Studio; \$240 to Ms. Roskie for Kids Discover Online Subscription (to benefit 6th grade Social Studies students). Teachers are appreciative. Allyson G. asked for a list of the grants, amounts, etc. for transfers.

Assemblies/Jeopardy: Nina Dorlon reported that two PTA sponsored assemblies are scheduled for all grades: Speaker John Paul Gonzalez will appear on March 16, while Speed Painter Martina Hahn will appear on April 6. Jess DeCicco and Bindya Madane are looking into a Jeopardy game for the 8th graders.

Fundraising & Events:

- The 4/29 Virtual Wine Tasting fundraiser, led by Samara Salisbury, is being promoted and tickets are on sale (with a 4/6 ticket sale deadline).

- Color Run: Sam Salisbury reported that the company that organizes color runs suggested timing this for Fall as family run. A Chair is needed to run this. Chris Satmary, Michelle Els, and Amy ? offered to chair.
- 6th/7th Grade Festival: We need to follow-up with the school to see if this is happening.
- 8th Grade Celebration: Jess DeCicco wants to utilize LVMS' smaller outdoor courtyard (near the South Gym) during the dance, setting up a ping pong table and cornhole. There are several sub-planning committees for this event.
- 8th Grade Promotion After Party: The group discussed how this is traditionally a "parent-run" event at Rock Spring Park; (not PTA sponsored). Jess is also putting together details for this event, and will need 10-15 chaperones.

Open Positions: A Standing Rules Committee Chair is still needed. The group determined that it would be handled by the Board.

Other:

- Chris Satmary proposed having a "Sunshine Club". This would provide funds for students who cannot afford extras like the book fair, social events, etc.
- Discussion then turned to whether the PTA provided the school nurse with an allowance (\$300?) for female products or extra clothing. Allyson said she would reach out to Nurse Pinto.
- Principal/Vice Principal Update: Nina read Michael Mirabella's report, as he was unable to attend. The report included upcoming school events (sports, Modern Dance performance, etc.); school spirit days; communications (Monday Minute and The Middle Matters newsletter); and thank yous to the PTA.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: April 4, May 3, and June 7.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.