

LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Long Valley Middle School Library and broadcast over Zoom

In Attendance: Ashley Collins, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Els, Allyson Gallup, Mark Ippolito, Stacey Kratochvil, Tori Reade, Jessica Santaiti, Chris Satmary.

1. **Welcome / Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. PTA President Nina Dorlon welcomed attendees, who were present over Zoom and in the Library.
2. **Treasurer's Update, Allyson Gallup:**
 - There is a balance of \$36,071.53 in the account, and \$7,670.56 in the Raffle account.
 - We discussed the PTA sponsoring the school's Spring "Field Fair". Nina Dorlon made a motion to give \$6500 to this event, out of the program budget. Chris Satmary seconded the motion, all were in favor.
 - The Legalized Game of Chance was submitted.
 - The 2019-2020 Charities Registration is completed
 - The Audit Committee meets this week.
3. **Membership Update, Tori Reade:** There are 201 total memberships, which equates to 180 individual and 21 staff memberships for 2021-2022. Tori drew a name for the Membership Raffle, with Lisa Singh winning \$50 in Spirit Wear dollars.
4. **Minutes Approved:** Ashley Collins, Secretary, submitted the minutes from the October meeting. Tori Reade made a motion to approve the minutes, Nina Dorlon seconded, and all were in favor.
5. **Student Socials.**
 - Chris Satmary, reported that the 6th grade social will be held at SkyZone in Mount Olive on 11/19. It will be a glow night with shirts.
 - Kristi Daggett is chairing the 7th grade social at Circle Bowling in Ledgewood. The event will happen 12/7 from 5-7:30 p.m. and will include bowling, arcade games, and laser tag at \$26.50 pp. She needs a headcount by 11/23, and chaperones. We discussed upcharging non-PTA members by \$5 to encourage member signups.
 - The 8th grade social was a happy, fun, positive event. Lots of parents chaperoned.
6. **Assemblies:** Chair Jessica DeCicco is narrowing the choices, and will book something in the next few weeks.
7. **Holiday Shop, 11/29- 12/3:** Chair Jessica Santaiti secured "Frosty's Fair" from Washington, DC for the student Holiday Shop; discovered through the Facebook PTA group. Gifts range from .50 to \$10, and are age appropriate from kids to parents. Anything leftover may be sent back in provided boxes. Frosty Fair will take a 20% profit. Jessica will issue a sign-up for parent volunteers. We will also sell items from previous years' holiday shops.

8. **Book Fair, 12/6-10:** Jessica Santaiti is also chairing the Scholastic Book Fair. It will share the same space as the holiday shop, and will take place one week later, during school hours. If more than \$4,000 in books is sold, Scholastic will give the PTA 25% back in cash. Mr. Ippolito said to take the cash offer, as the LVMS Library has a substantial budget.
9. **Other:**
 - **Request for Spike ball/Volleyball net:** Teacher Mrs. Zajac has asked for the PTA to purchase two Spike Ball games and a Volley Ball Net to supplement 6th grade outdoor activities during their Support time. Tori Reade made a motion for this purchase, Chris Satmary seconded, all were in favor.
 - **Picnic Tables via Boy Scout/Eagle Scout:** Nina Dorlon said that picnic tables for the school could be taken on as a Boy Scout or Eagle Scout Project, with fundraising.
 - **Open Positions:** We are still looking for a Standing Rules Committee Chair and a Teacher Grants Chair.
10. **Principal's Update:** Mr. Ippolito reported that the new Assistant Principal, Mr. Mirabella, will attend the 12/7 PTA meeting. He then said that he is launching a spirit program, as he has seen a positive rise in student enthusiasm for LVMS. The program will include a points system and end of year prizes, for a House or a classroom.
11. **Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. / Next Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. live at the LVMS Library, and virtually over Zoom. Upcoming meetings are: Jan 4, Feb 1, March 2, April 4 (Monday), May 3, June 7