

LVMS PTA General Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting, broadcast over Zoom

In Attendance: Ashley Collins, Jessica DeCicco, Nina Dorlon, Michelle Ells, Allyson Gallup, Mark Ippolito, Michael Mirabella, Tori Reade, Jessica Santaiti, Chris Satmary, Diana Simon

Welcome / Introductions: PTA President Nina Dorlon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and welcomed attendees, who were present over Zoom.

Treasurer's Update: Allyson Gallup reported a balance of \$41,165.23 in the checking account. Profit from the PTA's December Holiday Shop was \$3685.37, pending additional reimbursements that may come in.

Membership Update: Tori Reade reported that membership is still solid at 220 families; no changes.

Minutes Approved/Communications Update: Ashley Collins, Secretary, submitted the minutes from the December meeting. She made a motion to approve the minutes, Nina Dorlon seconded, and all were in favor. For member communications, the PTA website continues to serve as an information hub, and updates are sent out via the PTA monthly newsletter and on social media.

Student Socials: Chris Satmary said there was nothing new to report since last month's meeting.

Assemblies: Chair Jessica DeCicco reported that speed painter Martina Hahn and speaker John Paul Gonzalez are now booked for two student assemblies in the Spring; this is for all students. (Note: They were voted upon at the December PTA meeting, with all in favor). The group discussed filming and sharing the event, and involving the school's AV Club.

Teacher Grants: A committee has formed, with Diana Simon, Kira Theesfeld, and Corrine Bengzon leading the grant application selection process. Diana asked about budget; Allyson reported there was \$5k in the budget. Mr. Mirabella said the school is promoting this to teachers. Nina asked that the application indicate teachers must be a PTA member to apply.

Fundraising:

- Nina Dorlon reported that the Scholastic Book Fair will be rescheduled for February.
- She then said a Color Run could be a fun and profitable fundraiser, having learned about other PTA's successes with this event at a joint PTA meeting hosted by Superintendent Turnamian. Samara Salisbury, Michelle Ells, and Chris Satmary offered to chair the event. Due to state testing in March and April, it was suggested that the event be scheduled for the weekend.
- The PTA Virtual Wine Tasting fundraiser is scheduled for April 22. Once again, Gary's Wine & Marketplace will lead the tasting and Samara Salisbury will chair. Tickets are \$150, for 4 bottles of wine, chocolate & cheese pairings. Our goal is to sell 65+ tickets. Tori Reade will set up ticket sales on MemberHub.

Open Positions: We are still looking for a Standing Rules Committee Chair.

Other:

- Chris Satmary asked if there was interest in a preprinted notepad for school excusals.
- Nina Dorlon cited Tori Reade's idea of a Teacher Box where kids could anonymously drop a note in it if something was upsetting them, or for student suggestions. Mr. Mirabella said that this could be useful to the guidance office. Samara Salisbury offered to look into this as a Kids For Kindness project.
- Tori proposed that February 22 (2/22/22) be a "twinning" day, and that perhaps the Houses could use it for something charitable, like donating two items to the food pantry. Mr. Mirabella agreed that this was a good idea and would make a suggestion to see how the houses could adopt it/earn points.

Next Meeting: The meeting concluded at 7:51 p.m. Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings are: March 2, April 4 (Monday), May 3, and June 7.