

PTA Meeting Minutes 1/14/19

In attendance

Leslie Darling (president)
Reggie Ross (vice president)
Lindsay Sherwin (treasurer)
Stephanie Volmer (secretary)
Doug Graiver
Doug Hudak
Patti Katz
Rose King
Corinne Lindquist
Anne Nicolas
Wanda Quiñones (via FaceTime)
Jacqui Sornstein

REMINDERS

- * Babysitting will be available during PTA meetings.
- * Minutes will be posted on the PTA page of the school website.
- * The next PTA Meeting will be 2/12 at 7:00 p.m. in the LPS library. Please note there will be a Spanish-language meeting beforehand at 6:30 p.m..
- * Don't forget to take advantage of passive fundraisers (Giant, Amazon Smile, box tops, and a new one: Mabel's Labels [see below for details]).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The PTA will create three new committees:

- * Lunch/Health/Nutrition Committee
 - * Artsonia Committee
 - * Earth Day Committee
- Keep an eye out for how to join, if you are interested!

The meeting began with a mindfulness exercise involving different breathing techniques.

Update on the "Art Club"

Funds were set aside for this club last year. Mrs. Marley will be working with older students to paint motivational quotes on bathroom walls and near water fountains. Stay tuned for more details

Update on "Music Club" idea

The PTA will focus this year on the Art Club. We hope the PTA can pursue this exciting idea next year.

Update on 2018-2019 PTA Theme: *Mind * Body * Planet*

This broad theme incorporates many of the themes and projects of the school--mindfulness, the new school garden, a focus on nutrition, a reuse/recycle approach to the school--and we would like to have it dovetail with the PTA's focus for the remainder of the school year.

Update on Lunch and Nutrition by Leslie Darling

Leslie approached the board about making sugary snacks available only twice a week and about purchasing a new flattop grill for the kitchen. The board makes a necessary profit from the snacks, and the question is whether removing the sugary snacks would adversely affect the bottom line. One member raised the issue of the easy availability of the snacks, since students can essentially run up a tab, and asked whether there is a way for parents to control or better manage the snacks charged against their account. One member also asked how the Nicola's contract was arranged and whether it might be possible to make similar arrangements with other local restaurants (e.g., hoagies from Guiseppi's). It was proposed that the PTA create a *Lunch/Health/Nutrition Committee* to help pursue some of these issues.

Artsonia Kids Art Museum Update by Leslie Darling

We hope to launch a pilot program will be done in February or March. Need to purchase portfolios for this project. It was proposed that the PTA create an *Artsonia Committee* to help push this idea forward. The bulk of the work involves uploading the art to the Artsonia website. It could be done once a month. See artsonia.com for details about how the site works. I

Financial Report from Lindsay Sherwin

We discussed how approvals work and how to keep track of them from year to year. Members passed a resolution to approve all funding requests for one year. If a project is not completed within that timeframe, the funding request will go up for re-approval.

The current balance as of meeting date is \$12, 460. 55.

Approvals:

\$1,000.00 for art mural project with Mrs. Marley (approved last year and needs final approval now)--Members suggested buying cans of used paint from Benjamin Moore and Nieces as a way to save money and reuse/recycle. One member abstained, citing concern about the source and expense of new paint supplies.

\$200.00 for Mr. Angst's musical enrichment program. (\$300.00 was approved last year and total expense was \$500.00)

\$150.00 for kindergarten field trip to Howell Farm (\$200 for farm and \$110 for bus). Parent support and bake sales will be used as needed to cover the remainder of the fee.

6th grade Washington D.C. trip Report from Jacqui Sornstein:

Balance as of end of December is \$13, 860.50, with pending deposits from raffle and Christmas tree pick-ups. The 6th grade fundraising is in a strong position and will not need the Valentine's Dance fundraiser. The PTA will take it on and split proceeds with the 5th-grade class, to give that class a jump start on its D.C. fundraising. Note that the 6th grade dance will be held at WAS this year, next year at LPS.

Jacqui is working on a 6th-grade fundraising manual. Thank you, Jacqui!

New fundraising opportunity: Mabel's Labels

We have set up a new semi-passive fundraiser with Mabel's Labels. Flyers will go home with students, and we will promote on social media. There are two ways to start: Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose "Lambertville Public School" from the School/Organization list, or visit mabelslabels.com, press the "Support A Fundraiser" button, and choose "Lambertville Public School" from the list. The PTA will receive **20% of the profits** from all sales. The labels will come in quite handy during camp season! Check it out.

Upcoming Events

Valentine's Dance: Friday February 8 (Pre-K to 3rd grade: 6 to 7:15; 4th to 6th grade: 7:30 to 9.)

PTA meeting: Tuesday, February 12 at 7pm

Family Literacy Night: Wednesday February 27

Parent-Teacher Conference Week: March 5-7

PTA Events in Process and related LPS events

February: Dr. Seuss Birthday Bingo

March, April, and May: "Healthy Snack Day" Class Competition [We will work with Board for specific dates]

March: Taco Tuesday night coming – looking for dates

April 15, 16 and 17: Earth Day events (actual Earth Day 4/22) Mrs. Nocar celebration (Idea to plant a tree for her – 6th graders involved, Shade commission; "spray painted puke bucket"); Lambertville Goes Wild; Classroom projects; Outside planting project in school garden. A Parent Earth Day Committee will be formed. More info TK.

May 7: Walk-a-Thon (Picking up the idea of different classes running specific events, the 3rd grade will run this event.)

May 22: Talent Show (interested students in grades 2-6)

May 29, 7:00: Spring Choral Concert:

May 30, 7:00: Spring Instrumental Concert: