

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
DRAFT

Library – January 11, 2012

I. Attendees:

Elizabeth Turner, Nicole Martin, Jeff Gambino, Pam Styles, Debra Geraghty, Harinatha Chadeva, Ranju Rajesh, Marilynn Schuyler, Stephanie Bollini, Kerry Crum, Beverly Jurenko, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Lisa Pilson, Sabrina Kulakowski, Kelly Jo Stroud.

II. Secretary's Report:

A. Established quorum, 11 members present.

B. The Meeting was called to order by President Kerry Crum at 7:35pm.

III. Principal's Report:

A. Sylvia Taylor wrote a book about Louise Archer – the person and the school – which was published some time ago, but copies are available to see in the office

B. LAS parent handbook is now available on our website under "resources"

C. We are still working on dismissal, and had it down to 15 minutes at one point. However, due to a few incidents of cars hitting buses, the buses are now "staging" at Madison before coming to the front of the school.

D. There will be new progress reports, beginning in the fall, which will eliminate grades. Parent meetings will be set up to provide information. Some info is on the Fairfax County website.

E. 1st and 2nd grade test results are not in yet, but will be sent out immediately when they come in

F. ESOL assessment will be 1/13-3/7 to gauge academic knowledge

G. Future MRA and DRA tests will continue to be conducted with paper and pencil, but some of the SOLs in May will be conducted on-line. Next year all will be on-line. Kids will have a chance to practice ahead of time.

IV. President's Report:

A. Minutes of November meeting were approved

B. Thank you to all who helped with Thanksgiving lunch and cookie carry

C. Registration for winter programs is now open, though Mad Science and KidArt sold out in 2 minutes

D. Pizza Bingo is 1/20

E. Box Tops contest is underway

V. Treasurer's Report:

A. Audit is completed and turned in

B. We have an exemption form that enables us to purchase things without paying sales tax. Please use it.

C. If you are a program chair, checks go into the flower box, but if you have cash, the program chair needs to fill out the deposit slip

D. We have a healthy balance of funds

VI. Old Business:

A. None to report

VII. New Business:

A. Mini rant request of \$700 for Claire Williams was approved

VIII. Program Reports:

A. Dining for Dollars: 1/26: Kabob Tavern at Nutly/Maple. We receive 20% of lunch and dinner

proceeds

B. Box Tops: 2/22 is the deadline; there will be one winner (class)

C. Membership: Program chairs must be members -- our insurance requires it. We can fund memberships for financially strapped parents

D. Holiday party for committee chairs and teachers 4-7pm at the Vienna Arts Center

IX. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 9:30am