

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2014, 7:30pm

I. Attendees: Nicole Davenport, Leslie Conroy, Cathy Hardman, Kerry Blankenship, Stephanie Bollini, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Priya Chenthil, Julie Nickols, Chery Cass, Rebecca Huffman, Teralyn Carlson, Karen Landwehr, Elaine Cudney, Courtney Johnston, Patrice Scheyer, Reshma Eggleston, Ceci Campbell.

The meeting was begun at 7:35 p.m. by President Stephanie Bollini

II. Principal's Report. Provided by Principal Makrigiorgos.

1. Principal Makrigiorgos distributed information on the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Proposed FY 2015 Budget Highlights. She provided an overview of the current budget situation. FCPS has asked the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for additional funding. It is a larger than normal request. If the funding is approved the current budget will include a .5% increase in the student to teacher ratio at the elementary level. Increases are also in place for increases in the ratio at the middle school and high school level. Other impacts could include staffing for administrative and classroom assistance. If the additional funding is not approved, there will have to be more significant cuts. Parents should review the information on the FCPS.
2. Staff Updates – Pat Stanton retired in December. His replacement, Jackie Bowser, will begin the week of 1/20/14.
3. 75th Anniversary Celebration : Date set for March 7, 2014. There will be a school-wide assembly at 2:30. Mark Merrell, Madison H.S. principal and a Louise Archer alumnus, will be keynote speaker.

III. President's Report. Provided by President Stephanie Bollini

1. Thank you cards from staff were distributed for viewing.
2. Upcoming Events include:
 1. Pizza Bingo on 1/24/14.
 2. Faculty Basketball Game vs. Wolftrap ES staff on 2/28/14. Held at Madison HS.
 3. Skate Night at Skate Quest in Reston on 3/1/14.
 4. Beginning of March – Book Swap
 5. Louise Archer 75th Anniversary Event/ Louise Archer Day on 3/7/14.
 6. International Night on 4/4/14.
3. A new BoxTops competition is beginning.
4. February 4, 2014 will be a Dining for \$ Night at Chipotle. Chipotle gives 50% of the net profits back to the Louise Archer so try to attend.
5. Sixth Grade Dinner date has been set for June 13, 2014.
6. The gift from the 2012-2013 6th Grade class has arrived. The bronze plaque with an image of Louise Archer will be installed prior to the 75th Anniversary celebration.
7. Spirit Wear Sale is under way, buy soon, so can be worn to Faculty Basketball game vs. Wolftrap.

8. The Vienna Post Office will no longer be displaying schools' artwork on the walls. PTA looking for new locations in community to display art.
9. Contract for 2014-2015 Directory has been signed. Catherine Yeagle will continue to chair the Directory.
10. Reflections News – Hunter Guthrie, a LAES kindergartener, had his theme chosen as 1 of 5 to be sent from Virginia to the national selection for next year's Reflections theme.
11. PTA is still looking for someone to Chair the Human Relations Committee and work with the school counselors serving the ESOL community. If interested, contact Stephanie Bollini.
12. Name change made in Budget Category: School Grounds now called Garden Club.
13. The PTA needs 3-4 people to serve on the Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee will find candidates for Vice President and Secretary. Nominating Committee needs to be formed by February General Meeting. Please contact President Stephanie Bollini if interested.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

1. Treasurer's report was provided on tables for review.

V. Old business

1. Motion was made to approve the December 2013 General Meeting Minute; the motion carried.
2. Louise Archer 75th Anniversary Celebration. Provided by President Stephanie Bollini and Leslie Conroy.
 1. Recap of the 75th Anniversary Gift Survey – provided by Leslie Conroy
 1. Parents gave input via Survey Monkey. Teachers, staff and students were also polled.
 1. Overwhelming response – provide technology (new laptops and SmartBoard projectors)
 2. Verbal response – Parents wanted 75th gift to have lasting impact.
 2. Committee recommended providing gift to replace mobile laptop lab and finance portion of school sculpture.
 2. General Membership Vote on Gift to School for 75th Anniversary – Led by Stephanie Bollini
 1. Motion was made to give the school sculpture in honor of 75th Anniversary. The motion carried.
 2. Cost of mobile technology lab is \$26,400. PTA currently has approximately \$22,500 in available funds. Fundraiser required to be able to fund all of mobile laptop lab.
 3. Principal Makrigiorgos ordering replacement laptops so that they arrive with enough time to benefit students prior to SOLs.
 4. Motion made to provide \$15,000 from available PTA funds to gift to school for currently purchase of replacement laptops. Motion carried.
 5. Motion made to hold a fundraiser called "\$75 for 75" to raise funds to complete purchase of mobile laptop lab. Any funds raised will be used to

fund technology needs up to the limit of the costs of Option A (mobile laptop lab, \$26,400) + Option B (SmartBoard overhead projectors, \$16,000). The motion carried.

6. "\$75 for 75" Fundraiser currently to be led by Stephanie Bollini, Leslie Conroy, Karen Landwehr, and Kerry Blankenship.
7. The Louise Archer 75th Anniversary Banner will hang over Maple Avenue for 2 weeks ending 3/3/14.
8. PTA looking for additional help for 75th Anniversary, particularly day of activities.

VI. New Business

1. Cathy Hardman noted that the school marquee sign, the school website and PTA website not listing all relevant information and events. Program and event chairs should notify front office if program or event should be listed on school marquee sign.

VII. Program Announcements:

1. Walking Wednesdays will resume on 3/5/14.
2. Pizza Bingo: Bakers are needed for Pizza Bingo! Need cookies to sell in cafeteria and cakes for cake walk. Sign up through PTA website.
3. Skate Night: Will be 2/28/14. Sign up early and child gets glow stick to wear on ice while skating.
4. School sculpture – Assembly will be at the end of February. Sculpture will be installed in April.

Next meeting: February 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in LAES Library