

**Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting
March 9, 2016, 7:30 pm, Library**

Minutes

Attendees: Hank Arrington, Kerry Blankenship, Sara Bohn, Heather Buescher, Ceci Campbell, Jennifer Condra, Elaine Cudney, Tinelle Davies, Mary Franceschini, Cathy Hardman, Rebecca Huffman, Courtney Johnston, Gergana Jostova, Karen Landwehr, Stephanie Laubner, Nicole Martin, Laura Plante, Patrice Scheyer

I. Call to Order - by Heather Buescher at 7:32 pm

II. Principal's Report – by Jennifer Condra

Thank you to Sarah Bohn for a wonderful International Night. Parents are still commenting about it. The Sunshine Times came out and Sarah did a wonderful job on that as well. It will be online soon, but it has to be in a password protected area and we're still working on that. We will announce in a Sunburst once it's up. Karen Landwehr also helped with this.

The Louise Archer vs. Wolfrap Faculty/Staff Volleyball game is on Saturday, April 2nd in the evening at Madison High School. The kids always love coming and they enjoy the game.

The newsletter went out last week and there was some information on FCPS budget. I've also had a lot of issues with bus behavior lately, mostly upper grade children. I had a conversation with all bus riders last week about behavior.

We have a lot of patrols drop out lately and we don't know why. A lot of our patrols do a really great job. We will look into some way to reward them

III. President's Report by Kerry Blankenship

We've been busy lately due to the wonderful efforts by many volunteers. Jennifer Bohn did International Night. Abby Shannon organized our teacher luncheon today. Cathy Hardman has been working on the original works artwork. And we also have the read-a-thon going on.

Thank you so much to the five people who have volunteered for our nominating committee. Patrice Scheyer and Hank Arrington are here tonight. We are turning over three Executive Board roles (President, Vice President and Secretary). We will be publicizing our open positions on the television in the Main Office.

Science Fair is after Spring Break, as is the Volleyball Game. Louise Archer Day is April 8th. The 6th graders also play the teachers in volleyball on April 1st during the school day.

We still haven't met our budget goals and we've started a read-a-thon for our students to hopefully recoup some of that money. Mrs. Toth's class has already read over 29,000 pages.

IV. Treasurer's Report by Gergana Jostova

General donations are \$14,000 out of the \$28,000 we were hoping to raise. Pizza Bingo raised about \$6,000, which is about what we expected. We made about \$600 from Box Tops. Dining for Dollars is \$700 total for the year, \$350 of which is new. The 6th grade dinner has raised about \$1700. The library received about \$3,800 from the Book Fair.

We need to vote to add a line item to our budget for the Sunshine Times. The PTA and the school paid for the first issue jointly and the PTA was able to fund \$250 without a vote. The total cost was \$370. We'd now like to add a line item for further issues for \$600. Mary Franceschini motioned to add the Sunshine Times line item and Heather Buescher seconded. Motion approved.

V. Old Business

a. Minutes approval of February meeting. Motion made by Mary Franceschini. Second by Cathy Hardman. Motion approved.

VI. New Business

Vote to approve nominating committee. Hank Arrington, Patrice Scheyer, Margie Woods, Jennifer Alford and Tae Crotty. Mary Franceschini made motion for nominating committee. Gergana Jostova seconded. Motion approved.

VII. Program Announcements

a. Teacher Appreciation Week

It is the first week of May and has been in the Sunbeam for the past few weeks. If you're interested in being on the committee, please let me know. We have one other volunteer and would love to have more.

b. Original Works art fundraiser update

The project went well. We had a few children who didn't hand in artwork, but most were happy to participate. We did the project for awhile in the past and then took a few years off. We'll see how the fundraising aspect goes this year. We've sent all of the artwork to the company and they will upload it and you can purchase it online.

c. Walk and Wheel Wednesday

It's starting up again after spring break on March 30th.

d. Cultural Arts Assembly

We still have funds for assemblies so let me know if you have any ideas. It would need to be done before SOLs start which is the beginning of May. We could possibly do it during the last few weeks of school in June after SOLs are complete.

e. Science Fair

Information is on the PTA website and we're sending out information every week in the Sunbeam. We also sent home a sheet in Tuesday Folders. We desperately need volunteers to help set up tables the Monday before the event. We are also trying to put it on LATV. We will send out a note about parking and expected behavior for the night.

f. Loyalty Rewards

2015 - 2016 Program YTD total earned Giant A+ rewards is \$2736.53. Our Amazon rewards have earned \$1871 since July 2015. We also made about \$21 for our Amazon Smile account.

g. Reflections

We have four students whose Reflections submissions this year have received a first place at the Northern Virginia District level. Their entries are now being judged against other first place winners from the same age ranges and art categories in other Virginia districts.