

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting
April 8, 2015, 9:30 am, Teacher's Lounge

Minutes

Attendees: Kerry Blankenship, Ceci Campbell, Teralyn Carlson, Priya Chenthil, Jennifer Condra, Elaine Cudney, Tinelle Davies, Michelle Makrigiorgos

I. Call to Order by Kerry Blankenship at 9:34 am

II. Principal's Report – Michelle Makrigiorgos and Jennifer Condra

Kindergarten Orientation is next Thursday on the early release day from 3:00 until 4:00 pm. It's a one-hour orientation and then the children are invited for popsicles on the playground.

AAP Orientation is set for May 12th at 6:00 pm. It should last about one hour and 15 minutes.

Our goal was to acquire more laptops. I was able to find some funds and we ordered enough to complete the computer lab.

Our Librarian was able to purchase 15 iPad minis from the book fair funds. These replace the netbooks that weren't as reliable. They just arrived and will be rolled out to the children in the next few weeks.

We will provide an opportunity for parents to fill out an electronic form in order to provide info on class placements. It's due at the end of May. This is the fifth year I've done this, so it's not new. It's helpful for us. It doesn't assure anything, but it provides info that is good for us to know.

SOLs start May 18th and go through June 5th. The newsletter that comes out next week shares the specific dates for each SOL. Teachers will also be sharing the information.

The Volunteer Tea is Wednesday, April 29th at 9:30 am. Information will be sent out to families.

III. President's Report – Kerry Blankenship

Louise Archer Day was a phenomenal event. Louise Archer's goddaughter, who is 84, gave the keynote address. She's also a former Louise Archer student. Rebecca Huffman from the PTA did an amazing job setting up the artifacts. The Faculty Basketball Game was the next day and it was a lot of fun. Mike Perutti was our chair. We sold pompoms and we have enough left over for next year. We made \$250 and that was just over what the pompoms cost, so next year will be all profit.

Cheryl Bredehoeft, Judy Mann and Jody Delgado chaired the Science Fair. The kids really enjoyed looking at each experiment. Then we had the cultural arts assembly right before spring

break. It was about how to be a "Superstar." Cathy Hardman and Nikki Rodgers put that together.

Our impromptu STEAM fundraiser came out of the last meeting. We made \$226.01 at the science fair. We've received a few checks in the interim for a total of another \$75. The dining for dollars in April at Social Burger will also fund the STEAM efforts.

The March Dining for dollars at Chipotle helped fund our Azzarra Fund. We made \$1200.

Skate Night is this Saturday from 6:00 until 8:00 at Reston SkateQuest. The cost is \$10/person. You can buy tickets online, through the website or you can buy them there. We do need help selling tickets at the door and you can sign up on the PTA website.

The Nominating Committee is working on finding a new Treasurer. They've not had a lot of traction so far.

All Committee Chairs, please take a look in the PTA closet and decide if there are items in there that we don't need.

The last before/afterschool session has just started this week.

We have created a central PTA Signup Genius. We will work to migrate all of the different PTA-sponsored SUGs to that account. Now it will be easier to recreate SUGs in the future and people will not have to recreate.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Priya Chenthil

We had more before/afterschool programs than what we had budgeted for at the beginning of the year. We budgeted \$42,000 and we're going to go over that. We will need to vote to increase the budget and can do that at the next meeting. All of these expenses are covered through registration fees.

V. Old Business

Minutes approval March meeting – postponed until next meeting due to lack of quorum.

VI. New Business - None

VII. Program Announcements

a. Teacher Appreciation Week

This year's theme is "Louise Archer Teachers Rock". We will have a consistent theme throughout the school. The week will go as follows:

- Monday - Flowers (children will pick a flower from the PTA stand)
- Tuesday - Luncheon (this was moved earlier in the week based on feedback from the teachers)

- Wednesday - Teacher Star Day (doors will be covered in stars describing all the ways the teachers rock and they will have a special surprise in their mailbox)
- Thursday - Smoothie Bar by Maui Wowi
- Friday – Breakfast

b. Dining for Dollars will be on April 21st from 4:00 until 9:00 pm. 10% of the proceeds (dine-in, carryout, gift card purchases) will go towards the LA STEAM program.

c. Garden Club – We're going to start spring cleanup tomorrow. The official cleanup day is Sunday, April 26th from 1:00 until 3:00.

d. Thoreau Silent Auction – This fundraiser is May 8th and will help fund new ergonomic furniture and projectors for the addition. They have asked that we send a flyer home with all of the sixth graders who will attend Thoreau.

e. Walking Wednesdays will start next week. We will need a lot of volunteers for that.

Adjourned at 10:04 am.