

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
LA Library – Sept. 16, 2009, 7:30 pm

I. Attendees:

Laura Skoff, Kerry Crum, Eileen Sciuto, Jenn Maggio, Patty Elmas, Alison Freeman, Stephanie Bollini, Ryan King, Parvaneh Kamgar, Eman Safadi, Susan Woolsey, Cheryl Cass, Beth Kahrnoff, Kelly Henderson Hagen, Renie Richie, Kurt Virkaitis, Melissa Maillett, Emily Kenny, Barbara Mackie Franklin, Vicki Jenkins, Natasha Perkins, Ossen D'Haiti, Sadhui Subramaman, Anne Driscoll, Liz DiFrancisco, Maggie Bergin, Gabriela Danalache, Meredith Haines, Debbie Kipps, & Jennifer Condon.

II. Secretary's Report:

- a. Established quorum, 30 members present.
- b. The Meeting was called to order by President Laura Skoff at 7:32 pm.
- c. Minutes of 9-3-09 meeting were approved. Motion to approve made by Barbara Mackie Franklin, seconded by Alison Freeman.

III. Message from the Principal:

- a. New staff overview
- b. School has new heating & a/c system and playground paid for with bond money.
- c. Technology has been updated in all classrooms: flip cameras, smartboards, & upgraded computers with flat screen monitors. Over \$30,000 spent from the auction last year.
- d. Budget has impacted class sizes
- e. Back-to-school night will be same format as last year which was successful
- f. Implementing a new concept: Principal's coffee—a sharing of ideas and hot topics. More info coming out in the next month.

IV. President's Report:

- a. Reiterated a commitment to a paperless PTA, an on-line Sunbeam, and on-line registration. Deadline for Sunbeam items is 6:00 pm Friday evening.
- b. Bus transportation issue – PTA is putting contact info -Stephanie Bollini @ teambollini@gmail.com, coordinator of effort with Fairfax Transportation- on their website. Please contact us with any safety concerns. Updates will be broadcast via Sunbeam.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Changes to Sept. 1, 2009-Aug. 31, 2010 budget draft:
 - €€€€€€€€ Courtyard & grounds -- \$900 net expense for courtyard offset via school grant
 - €€€€€€€€ Decreased school grants
 - €€€€€€€€ Increased student support (homework club, etc..)
 - €€€€€€€€ Still has \$790 on books from auction which school will tap into this year.
 - €€€€€€€€ Question regarding Overtime Athletics re/ huge decrease in budget which is based on declining enrollment & dropping of programs.
 - €€€€€€€€ 6th Grade dinner – question as to where the excess money went. After further

research, the dinner netted approx. \$875 in donations. The 6th grade bought a bench for more than \$700.00. More accurate details will be presented at the next PTA mtg.

- Put together a very conservative budget in deference to the economy.

b. Final budget was voted on & approved. Motion by Barbara Mackie Franklin & seconded by Vicki Jenkins. Finalized budget will be presented at back-to-school night.

VI. Program Reports:

a. Alison Freeman, on-line registrations –

On-line registrations are going very smoothly. Over 110 registrations so far.

Chairpersons will have ability to update individual web programs.

b. Sally Foster update–

Sale began on September 17.

50% of PTA's income comes from Sally Foster. Get Excited!!

Good prizes for selling 10+ items.

c. Cultural Arts –

Oct. 28th – Magician Jay Maddioli

Dec. – Bash the Trash Environmental Arts

d. Chess Club –

Eman reported that last year there was a 12% increase in the club. This is a very active club with 28 mtgs. per year. They expect an even greater increase in attendance this yr.

e. Sock Hop – Friday, Nov. 6 – Food 5:30-8:30 pm; DJ 6-9 pm.

6th Graders will serve hotdogs and floats in the cafeteria.

Hula hoop contest in the gym with music.

Book Fair during the Sock Hop!

Buying tickets in advance will save you money.

f. Blood Drive –

Kurt Virkaitis reported Nov. 18th (1-7 pm) is the next drive. One in March is tentatively planned.

g. Fundraising Liaison –

Eileen Sciuto, secretary, reported that all chairs need to fill out a building use form with Kathy Cutri in the main office.

Book Fair – needs volunteers for Nov.3-6th.

Barbara Mackie--Madison PTSA mtg. held last week. Friday, Oct. 9th, Madison celebrating 50th Anniversary, will hold a Golf Tournament in association with Homecoming. Oct. 10th, Homecoming @ 3 pm will include Vienna tastings on the football field. Sunday, Oct. 17th, Capital Steps, performing at an all-night graduation party.

h. School Yard Committee –

93 people participated in Aug. mulching/weeding event. 25 were current students & 20 were former students. Many new trees were planted.

Upcoming projects – building a platform in the courtyard. Working with Bair Jenkins to be used for teacher poetry groups, etc...

Every Friday there is a new group, "Weed & Feed" – weed for a ½ hr. and then go to lunch.

Everyone is welcome to join in!!

i. Dining 4 Dollars\$ --

Noodles & Co. – Wed., Sept. 30, 5-9 pm, 25% of all sales go to LA.

McDonald's – Oct. 13, 5-8 pm

California Tortilla – Nov. 13, 5- 9 pm, 20% of all carry

j. Giant – sign up by Fri. to receive 100 bonus points.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Motion by Barbara Mackie Franklin, seconded by Vicki Jenkins.