

Louise Archer PTA  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
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Teacher's Lounge – September 14, 2011, 9:30am

I. Attendees:

Marilynn Schuyler, Alison Freeman, Kelly Henderson Haagen, Suzy Pantzer, Harinalha Chadeva, Caren Appel Slingbaum, Tara Amin, Elizabeth Toledo, Heather Thompson, Kira Merski, Natasha Lingle, Jennifer Kwon, Robyn Nguyen, Chris Long, Lillian Huang, Monica Cramer, Sandra Moncrief-Stuart, Adina Docter, Claire Marble, Cheryl Bredehoeft, Cara McMahon, Maxine D'Haiti, Lorrie Cliff, Chris Park, Stephanie Bollini, Kerry Crum, Beverly Jurenko, Dee Murphy, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Carolyn Bellamy.

II. Secretary's Report:

1. Established quorum, 30 members present.
2. The Meeting was called to order by President Kerry Crum at 9:32am.

III. Principal's Report:

1. We had a smooth school opening and have 790 students
2. Trailer is here and we move in next Monday
3. We have a new 6th grade teacher and strings teacher
4. Back to School nights are next Wednesday (grades 4-6) and Thursday (grades K-3); 2 sessions each night
5. There will be a new parent handbook
6. We will use "Keep in Touch" for emergencies and last minute notices; we will use the newsletter and website for other information.
7. There will be more parent programs throughout the year.

IV. President's Report:

1. Minutes of August meeting approved
2. Ice cream social cancelled – not to be rescheduled
3. Back to School Night – PTA will have info available and welcome desk; any program chairs can put up poster for their program
4. All PTA program info is on the website, including info for program chairs
5. We had a lot of open positions at end of year, but almost all are filled now

V. Treasurer's Report:

1. Thanked program chairs for submitting information
2. Presented budget

VI. Old Business:

1. New co-ed running program may be established – looking for chair(s) to help Coach Ruggerio
2. New volunteer for overtime athletics, but need a co-chair
3. There's a volunteer sign-up on-line that is comprehensive, and it is there for you to use (and there will be a laptop at Back to School night for people to sign up right there)
4. Another open spot: International Night/Variety Show chair

VII. New Business:

1. Vote to send budget to general membership: Alison moved and Kelly 2nded and all voted unanimously in favor
2. Vote on Resolution to Improve School Food at Fairfax County Public Schools: Monica Kramer moved and Dee Murphy 2nded and all voted unanimously in favor

## VIII. Program Reports:

### 1. Sunbeam and Sunburst (Alison Freeman)

1. There is a link on PTA to sign up
2. Deadline for Sunbeam is Friday at 6pm
3. Website has info for each program; updates are done weekly
4. Volunteer guidelines are on website – great resource
5. On-line registration started this morning for a few programs

### 2. Kid Art

1. Registration for fall opened but they are filling up fast
3. Chess Club

1. Registration started today; first meeting is in 2 weeks

### 4. Directory

1. Will be in system at end of September and available at end of October

### 5. Community Arts

1. December 2-15 our art will be on display in post office

### 6. Walk to School

1. Wednesday, Oct 5 (International Day)

2. Need volunteers

### 7. Neighborhood Savings Spree

1. Went home Tuesday

2. 2 sales turn-in days: 9/21 and 9/30

### 8. Blood Drive

1. October 12 1-7pm, and there will be one in Spring

2. Need volunteers to sub for teachers while teachers give blood

### 9. Dining for Dollars

1. On Back to School Nights, 9/21 and 9/22 – Dominos. Need to complete the form and give it to the driver for LAS to get credit.

### 10. LAS 5K and Fun Run 10/16 at 8am

1. Registration has started and can be done on-line at

<http://la5k.louiseacherpta.org/index.php/register>

2. At school is the contest for the Pizza Party (class that has the most people enrolled for race)

3. As well as the contest for the LA5K t-shirt design

4. We continue to seek business sponsorship & if anyone knows of someone -- send them my way or to the website <http://la5k.louiseacherpta.org/>

5. We are also seeking Family Cheerleaders -- for a \$100 donation, a Family Cheerleader will be able to provide the names of their family members, which will be printed on all race-day t-shirts. We are hoping to fill block letters spelling "LA5K" with the names of all of our LA Family Cheerleaders.

### 11. Loyalty Rewards

1. LAS had a table at Giant this past Sat and Sunday to sign people up for the A+ program

2. Link to sign up is on PTA website.

### 12. Sock Hop 11/11/11 from 6-9:30pm

1. Pizza and ice cream floats to be served by 6th graders; dancing, motorcycle photos, clothing exchange

2. We will revise pricing to try to break even

### 13. Reflections

1. We are getting the word out to students that they need to start working on entries now: WLA-TV spots, Back to School Nights, Mrs. Lord's art classes, and music teachers

2. Deadline is 10/21

14. Mad Science

1. 2 sessions lined up; enrollment started today

15. Foreign Language

1. Targeting mid/end of October for starting Spanish class

2. Having difficulty lining up a teacher

16. Cultural Arts

1. 10/4 at 9:30: Books --the Magic is Real for K-3rd grade

2. 10/20 : King Arthur flour program for 4th and 5th grade

17. Karate Program

1. Will start week of 10/12, pending approval by building use; Weds 8:10-9

IX. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.