

PTA Meeting 9/18/17

Call to Order at 9:34 a.m.

Principal:

Welcome! 640 students this year. 29 classrooms. Back to School Night went smoothly. Parking is an issue for school wide events. Area of focus this year is information communication. Instead of monthly newsletter, Sunshine News is being sent every 2 weeks. This is the main focus for communication. Teachers choose to communicate weekly or monthly. Parents should expect at least get a monthly update. Friday the 22nd is a student holiday. Staff will be here for professional development.

Vice Principal:

Student Rights and Responsibilities communicated to each classroom. iReady test being given to classes currently. Cogat October 17 - 19

Introductions

President:

Explained role of PTA - Serves many roles for the school community. Support the teachers.

Treasurer:

Audit Committee - no significant findings, a few areas for improvement in book keeping. Motion that we approve the audit report. Motion passes.

Brick fundraiser held that was not a part of the budget. Move to add brick fundraiser to budget. Actual income realized ~\$500. Bricks will improve courtyard appearance.

Budget for 2017-2018 - reviewed previous year's budget to create this year's budget. Budgeting for \$11,000 loss since we have funds in reserve. Would like to hold to budget items without a greater deficit. If we do, we'd reach a point where we can't fund current programs. We have 3 - 4 years to run at a deficit. Fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Required to maintain \$25,000 in reserves. Chair people need to stay within budget. Motion to pass budget as presented. Budget is passed.

Old Business:

Move to approve June minutes. June minutes approved.

New Business:

Bylaws committee meeting. If interested in serving on committee, please let Abby or Courtney know.

Mini Grants committee will meet to review proposals.

Need new co-chairs for Walking Wednesdays. Please consider.

Program Announcements:

-Membership & Directory - Please join PTA. We have 219 members. We have 14 Family Cheerleaders this year so far and we had 22 last year. Tax Deductible donation.

The directory is printed with contact information for student body. Look for emails to verify your information. Plan to have directories by the end of October.

Book Fair:

The Book Fair will be held from Nov. 6 to 10. Set up will likely be on Nov. 3. We will need a new chairperson for next year.

Before & After School Activities:

Registration is now open and will close for most classes on Thursday, September 21st at 9:00. Registration for Builders, LA Runners, Spanish and World of Wizards will close on September 28th. Acting for Young People, Filmmaking, Sports & Games and Sports & Games Plus are in danger of cancellation due to low enrollment. If you are interested in these classes, please register ASAP and encourage your child's friends to do so as well! You can register through the PTA website.

Dining for Dollars:

Raised \$370 from Cava. Having the teachers there helped bring more students in.

10/13 at Fosters from 11 am to 10 pm. LA5k packet pick-up from 6-8 pm

11/14 at Chipotle from 5 - 9 pm

Loyalty Rewards:

It's time to enroll in Harris Teeter and Giant so that you can earn money for Louise Archer. For Giant, you do not need to re-enroll if you did it last year. Harris Teeter has a promotion if we link (just link- not actively buying) 28 accounts to LAES by 10/31, we get \$100. We have 13 so far and need 15 more. It's only linking and I can do this by your phone number, so please encourage others to enroll or email loyaltyrewards@louisearcherpta.org. The PTA website has all of this information as well.

Amazon- before you click "pay" on your amazon order, please go to the Louise Archer PTA website and click on the Amazon link on the upper left side of front page so we get referral money.

LA 5K:

Registration is underway for the 5K and Fun Run! Please register by the early bird deadline (9/29) to guarantee a t-shirt. We'd love to have a few more Family Cheerleaders and business sponsors -- don't forget to sign up, or remind your business friends to turn in the sponsorship form.

Remind your children about the t-shirt design contest -- artwork is due by the end of the week (9/22).

Sunshine Times - Parent meeting on October 11 for interest,

Madison Homecoming this Friday at 2:00. Parade goes from Vienna Presbyterian to Madison High School.

Sign-up genius being created for picture day

Motion to adjourn at 10:25

Principal's coffee