

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
LA Teacher's lounge – Oct. 14, 2009, 9:30 am

I. Attendees:

Laura Skoff, Kerry Crum, Eileen Sciuto, Jenn Maggio, Kelly Henderson Hagen, Renie Richie, Barbara Mackie Franklin, Liz DiFrancisco, Meredith Haines, Debbie Kipps, Heather Thompson, Jennifer Riddle, Lynne Brents, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Kira Merslu, Shannon Sieff & Leslie Conroy.

II. Secretary's Report:

- a. Established quorum, 17 members present.
- b. The Meeting was called to order by President Laura Skoff at 9:34 am.
- c. Minutes of 9-16-09 meeting were approved. Motion to approve made by Barbara Mackie Franklin, seconded by Shannon Sieff.

III. Message from the Principal:

- a. Back to School Night's format was successful.
- b. Blackboard sites are up & running in all classrooms. All parents need to be signed up.
- c. School Goals are academic development, educational & service learning.
- d. H1N1 updates coming directly from Fairfax County so that everyone gets the same info at the same time. Parents when calling in need to let the school know what symptoms their child has so it can be tracked by Fairfax Co. Health Dept. The school is using specific recommended cleaning agents in all classrooms.

IV. President's Report:

- a. On-line registration discussed.
- b. Recycling & Loyalty Rewards-- new ideas are being generated.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Budget for Sept. 1, 2009-Aug. 31, 2010 fiscal year was approved unanimously. Motion to approve made by Barbara Franklin and seconded by Liz DiFrancisco.
- b. Focus on keeping an audit trail for next year's treasurer and audit committee. Mini-grants will be approved before winter break.

VI. Program Reports:

- a. Science Olympiad –
Meredith Haines reported that Mrs. Sahai is leading this group and it will be integrated into the science fair. Parent mtg. scheduled for Oct. 14th for 5-6th grade parents.
- b. Thanksgiving Luncheon –
Nov. 19th, not a PTA program. Parents pay at the door, students use their school lunch card.
- c. Membership –
Using the new membership/donations form, significantly more money has been raised through cash donations this year than last year at this time. Membership numbers are down some compared to last year at this time. Members and donors (Archer Allies) names are posted on the PTA website. All are encouraged to become members.

d. Luther Jackson MS Liaison –

Science Olympiad is now offered there.

e. Book Fair –

Begins Tues., Nov. 3rd and culminates on Nov. 6th during the Sock Hop.

f. Sock Hop –

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

Tickets now on sale on-line. Nov. 4th deadline to buy tickets at advanced ticket prices. Tickets will be sent home on Friday, Nov. 6th with students.

Family event and all kids need to be with a parent.

g. Yearbook Cover Contest–

Begins Tues., Oct. 27th and ends on Thurs., Nov. 12th.

h. School Courtyard–

Would like another apple tree for the apple grove.

Friday gardening & lunch club has been successful with 5-6 people attending each event.

i. Spirit Wear --

Total of 150 items ordered; expected increase in revenue.

j. Let's Dish! --

New fundraising opportunity presented by Barbara Franklin with two options: An LA night with a total of 10% of revenue donated to LA or a 3-month period with LA receiving 10% of total booked during that time.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am