

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
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Library – October 12, 2011, 7:30pm

I. Attendees:

Patty Elmas, Cheryl Cass, Cathy Hardman, Julie Nichols, Debbie Kipps, Robyn Nguyen, Sabrina Kulakowski, Jody Christensen, Petra Palmertree, Debra Geraghty, Marilyn Schuyler, Stephanie Bollini, Kerry Crum, Beverly Jurenko, Michelle Makrigiorgos.

II. Secretary's Report:

A. Established quorum, 13 members present.

B. The Meeting was called to order by President Kerry Crum at 7:40pm.

III. Principal's Report:

A. Back to school nights were a success; most like having it on two nights, though it requires some families to come both nights

B. Camp Highroads went well

C. We are testing a new bus dismissal routine that involves eliminating parking in the circle as a way to reduce the amount of time it takes to get kids home

D. Please remember; parking for parents and visitors is available on the street, in the church parking lot, or in the 4 marked spots within the LA school lot. There is no additional available parking for non-staff members in the school's parking lot.

E. Two upcoming parent programs (one in Oct; one in Nov)

IV. President's Report:

A. Minutes of September meeting will be approved at next meeting

B. Will be starting Mini Grant process

C. Registrations for programs is going well

D. Please be respectful of the school staff in the office, especially during the hectic morning arrival. If you need to meet at the school, please coordinate with the office for locations to meet or utilize the following options: Tu-Fr, Cafeteria Alcove 9:15-11 or Teacher's Lounge 9-10); please don't plan to meet at the school on Mondays

V. Treasurer's Report:

A. Audit is underway

B. Cash flows are healthy

VI. Old Business:

A. Azarra fund – guidelines have been finalized and will be distributed to staff; teachers and other staff are the primary source of referrals; streamlined process

VII. New Business:

A. Volunteers needed for Mini Grant committee to meet on or about 12/2 to review proposals: Petra Palmertree, Cheryl Cass and Stephanie Bollini volunteered to be Committee members.

B. Coffee with the Principal: we will find times for parents of new students to connect

VIII. Program Reports:

A. Blood Drive: 23 people came through; will do it again in Spring

B. Co-Ed Running program: will start in Spring for grades 3-6 to meet 1-2 days/week; will be in addition to Girls on the Run

C. Spanish classes: will start in November; 2 days/week

D. Mad Science: 2 full classes starting now

E. Cultural Arts: first performance was success; King Arthur flour project for 4th and 5th graders

to happen next week (kids will make 2 loaves – keep one and donate 2nd loaf)

F. Sock Hop: on schedule; need to make sure people can attend clothing exchange without paying to attend Sock Hop; will donate clothes locally

G. LAS 5K and Fun Run 10/16 at 8am: Whole Foods has partnered in many ways to benefit LAS; packet pick-up on Saturday

H. Neighborhood Savings Spree: 1,050 books sold and \$12,600 profit so far

IX. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.