

Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting
October 16, 2013, 7:30pm

I. Attendees:

Catherine Yagle, Laura Beth Vietor, Kerry Crum, Cathy Hardman, Kerry Blankenship, Stephanie Bollini, Elena Golub, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Karen Landwehr, Priya Chenthil, Hank Arrington, Megam Wallace, Malini Tyer, Reshma Eggleston, Rebecca Hoffman, Jenn Carr, Ceci Campbell, Ken Campbell, Lunn Waclawski, Mark Waclawski, Michelle Gumbiano, Luz D.Francisco, Coleen Molaban, Jacques Oliver, Leslie Conroy

II. Principal's Report.

1. A Parent Coffee to Meet the Specialists Who Support our Students Thursday, November 7th, 9:15 - 10:30am in multipurpose room;
2. Advanced Academic Program Parent Conference Saturday, October 26, 2013 West Springfield High School 8:00am - 12:30pm
3. Louise Archer ES will have a Lockdown Drill. Please, explain your students. Modular building is designed to sustain winds less than 75 mph.
4. Bike was stolen from the bike rack – please, use bike locks.
5. The LAES is solving drainage problems with the track. Fairfax county provides additional funding that is required.
6. Please, prepare questions for the next week parent-teacher conferences.

III. President's Report.

1. Mini Grants are due on Friday. Please, participate in MiniGrant Committee.
2. PTA biggest fundraising program this year is Sunshine 5K & Fun Run. We would like to encourage everybody to participate.
3. Please, fill in building use form and submit it on time (at least 2 weeks before the event).
4. We have to discuss the issues of track maintenance.

IV. Treasurer's Report.

1. Donations are coming in, we have our major fundraiser on October 26.
2. PTA had \$94K in the bank.

V. Old business

Approve PTA September 2013 meeting minutes;

VI. New business

Discussion of the track maintenance issues. It is agreed that track is not a part of the PTA Garden Club.

VII. Program Announcements:

LAES Directory update : almost finished looking at the data and will be asking people to review their information on line and approve so we can go to print by the end of the month;
Pizza Bingo: Pizza Bingo will be on Friday, January 24, 2014 from 5:30-8:30pm. More

information about the event is on the PTA website, under the events tab, see Pizza Bingo. We are in need of 3 volunteers now to help with the auction part of the event. Please contact pizzabingo@louisearcherpta.org if you can help.

Odyssey of the Mind: We have had a great interest in our program this year. We have two confirmed primary teams, one division 1 level team and possibly one division 2 level team.

Thanks to LAPTA sunbeam and all the parents who have worked hard at getting the word out to students and their parents. The PTA will be informed about possibly of staging a dress rehearsal for the teams in appreciation for supporting them through this endeavor.

Yearbook: We are still looking for help with Kindergarten, 1st, and 6th grades (take photos and put into a layout). If you know of any parents who would love to step up to help, please let us know. In addition, we are looking for people to help cover LAES events throughout the year and get those pictures into page layouts. If you have a specific event you would love to cover, let me know. Another volunteer slot is to manage the 6th grade boosters. We need 3 volunteers to cover picture day on the second shift time slots on Tuesday October 22nd from 11:30-2:15. Let Yearbook Chairs know if you can help out.

Thanksgiving Lunch;

Cooking/Nutrition class: Currently, the Cooking/Nutrition class is only holding its class for grades 1-3; a 1st -grader and one 2nd-grader are currently enrolled. However, the vendor Empowered Wellness cancelled its class for the upper grades because there was only one 5th grader who had expressed interest in the Cooking/Nutrition class (for the 4th-6th graders). Also, that 5th grader did not want to be the only one (in the class for the upper grades). Despite our publicity efforts, it's a little puzzling why there was such a low interest level in the Cooking/Nutrition class. However, Empowered Wellness is willing to offer the same Cooking/Nutrition course in the Winter.

Bridge Club: The Bridge Club has 12 enrollees, and about half are returning kids. Meeting in the library is perfect, as the tables are the right size and shape. Thank you so much for making this space available to us on Monday mornings.