

November 15, 2019 Louise Archer PTA Meeting Minutes

Location: Teacher's Lounge

Call to Order at 9:33 am

Presentation on Club Phoenix

- Natalie Duncan with Club Phoenix came to speak about the program and what it offers.
- The Teen Center provides a structured and safe environment for teens to grow socially, receive academic support and participate in physical and recreational activities. Club Phoenix provides after-school programs to students in grades 6-8; services include homework help and seasonal events. In addition, teens can join clubs that fit their interests and earn service hours for school requirements.
- The center opens after school at 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm Monday – Thursday, 2:30 pm -10 pm on Fridays and student holidays.
- There is homework time, games and a fully stocked snack bar.
- Teen excursion camp starts the week after school ends, they go somewhere every day. Open for 11-15 year olds, places induced skyzone, sandy spring adventure park, sandy point beach, etc. the signup information will be in the summer camp guide.
- Registration is free and open to all teens in the greater Vienna area. The program operates year round and accepts registration throughout the year. The registration form can be found at <https://www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/104>.
- If Louise Archer is interested, the town can provide a shuttle from the school to Club Phoenix. Please reach out to Natalie Duncan, Teen Center Program Coordinator (Natalie.Duncan@viennava.gov), (703) 255-5736 if you have questions or would like more information.

Principal's Report

- Thank you to the PTA for all that you've done to support the school. Especially mini grants, where we've funded great projects. Especially math workshop, furniture and rugs that help foster a community in the classroom.
- Everyone really enjoyed the sock hop and the book fair was very successful.
- The School bond was approved, which starts the Louise archer planning process for renovations.
- The Town of Vienna would like Louise Archer to be consider a historic site on the historic society list. Is there someone in the PTA who can help submit the application for the consideration?
- Thanksgiving is coming up, the staff hasn't had off since Labor Day so this will be a welcomed break. There will be no homework and no projects assigned, during this holiday break. So enjoy your time off.

Treasurer's Report

- LA5k is one of the two largest fundraisers for the year. We are still waiting for the race wire numbers to determine how much was raised.
- Student support expenses are up because we are receiving the disbursement requests earlier than in previous years.

President's Report and Program Announcements

- **Sunbeam** – As a reminder: please provide your text by Thursday of each week to guarantee that it's included in the Sunbeam. Also, please use the sunbeam@louisearcherpta.org email address for it. If you send your blurb on my Pratima's personal email she might miss it.
- **Cultural Arts Assemblies** - On November 21 **Dovie Thomason** is going to perform at Louise Archer. Dovie Thomason is a storyteller and shares stories about her Lakota and Plains Apache relatives. Thomason will share her newest program with us: **We Call the Earth Our Mother: Stories of Thanks.**
 - Times: 9:30 (for K-3) and 10:30 (for 4-6 grade). I believe it's not really open for parents.
 - In April 2020 the **Smithsonian Associates Discovery Theater on Tour** will do a performance at our school.
- **Box Tops** –Mrs. Choi's class won the Box Tops fall contest with 627 box tops submitted!
 - Overall, 1961 box tops were submitted - these are the tangible ones that could be cut from a box. The box tops program has processed a total of \$185.90.
 - The PTA website has been updated, thanks to Jennifer's help, to reflect how to scan receipts via the box tops new app, please check out the website for more information.
- **Membership** - As of 11/10, we have 298 LAPTA members.
- **Directory** - Hard copy directories were distributed to oldest and only students last week. Online directory has been up and active.
- **Sunshine Times** - Sarah Couchman has agreed to help with Sunshine Times publishing. Thank you! The next sunbeam will mention that submissions are due on Dec 6 and Mrs. Simpson will be announcing on as well on LATV.
- **Sunshine Committee** - The Sunshine committee hopes that we continued to spread a little sunshine by celebrating our staff birthdays and transportation/safety crew. Our birthday staffer received fresh fruit baskets and gift cards selected from their personal preferences form. As for the bus drivers and crossing guards, they each received a gift card from Caffe Amouri and school bus chocolates.
- **Sock Hop** - The Sock Hop was a success! We always love seeing all the kiddos in 50s gear. The 6th graders did a great job hopping the tables and earned just under \$400 in tips which is a significant increase from last year. \$360 of those tips were cash and \$30 on credit cards. The card swipers made it easier this year. We had a great group of volunteers who helped us sell tickets, set up, manage the kitchen, help the 6th graders and helped us do a super speedy clean up job. We have never been out of there before 9 any other year! Thanks to all that volunteered or donated items!
- **Book Fair** – The book fair was another success with approximately \$19k in sales which will provide approximately \$3k in funds for the library. Thank you to everyone who helped make the book fair a success.
- **Pizza Bingo and Silent Auction** – Pizza Bingo is February 7th. The Silent Auction will start Feb 1st and will close February 8th. This way after pizza bingo you still have a chance to bid. We will be removing the baked goods raffle and instead increasing the baked goods for sale during pizza. We are still looking for donations from the community, please reach out to your contacts for donations to the silent auction.

- **Reflections** - The award ceremony is next Thursday the 21st. We got 67 submissions, which is up from last year. We will be serving light refreshments and Ms. Smith's class won for the most participations.
- **Mini Grants** - we are pushing to get things purchased and reconciled quickly so that the teachers can benefit from the grants as soon as possible.
- **Teacher Appreciation** – The November stock the fridge was very successful. The next one will be in January. Cookie Carry will be December 9th. Abby Shannon and Shannon Aimone will be sending out more details later.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am