

Liberty Pines Academy PTO Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2017

1. Welcome -President Melissa Kramer called the meeting to order at 10am.

2. Attendance- Melissa Woody, Robyn Cebulko, Lisa Haas, Melissa Kramer, Bre Willman, Erin Gulden, Cathy Richter, Janine Bowker, Traci Hemingway, Rachel Bunnel, Christy Beebe, Holly Vantine, Erin Bragg

3. Approval of Minutes- Melissa Woody motioned to approve Octobers meeting minutes. It was seconded by Janine Bowker and all voted in favor of approving the minutes.

4. Sunshine Chair- Of the Month volunteer was Karen Mallard for her hard work and dedication to Boosterthon. Both Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Raya were nominated for Teacher of the month, Mrs. Raya won the vote.

5. Principal and officer's reports

a. Principal- Mrs. Hemingway reports a very successful red ribbon week and was extremely excited about the money raised from the fun run. The money was used to buy new computers for the classrooms, which will be in place by Christmas break.

We are almost fully staffed. They are in the process of interviewing for an ESC Para professional. Currently the school only has one and with 1561 students it was determined that more support was needed. Interviews should be concluded within the week.

b. President Melissa Kramer reports that she and Mrs. Hemingway attended a meeting where the discussion was about how Title 1 schools struggle to get business partner support. The PTO is considering adopting one of these schools, specifically Osceola ES. Currently Junior National Honor Society is planning a pancake breakfast at Applebee's. It is \$10/ person and the school receives \$6 of that since the kids do all the serving and busing during the event. JNHS is donating the proceeds to Osceola ES. It was discussed how the PTO can help Osceola ES out. Some ideas were donating our time by volunteering at their carnival. Help does not always need to be monetary. The PTO will need to change the bylaws in order for this to happen. Information will be presented a week prior to the general meeting and then voted on in January. PTO discussed how profits from "Birdies for Blessings" could be given to Osceola ES for their "Blessings in a back pack" program. However until the bylaws are changed we can only support them with time not money.

Cathy Richter reported that the remainder of AVID shirts have been delivered. Fifth grade and First grade are short shirts due to new enrollments. It was decided it was best to wait until after the holidays before ordering additional shirts for incoming students. Mrs. Hemingway will talk to team leaders about their need for extra shirts.

Melisa Kramer reports that every year we are audited and apparently we didn't screw anything up last year because all came back good 😊

c. VP Fundraising- Melissa Woody reported that Karen Mallard is still collecting boosterthon money. Currently we have \$61,716.54 with 94% collection rate. Just since Thursday we collected over \$1000. 65% of the total is our profit.

Papa Murphy's Fundraiser coming up on November 15. 20% of all sales for the day will go to LPA. Last spring we received \$300. Papa Murphy's is interested in doing one of these per quarter as they saw an increase in business from this event last year.

d. VP Membership- Robyn reports that membership raised \$7204.65

e. Treasurer -Janine Bowker reported that our current balance is \$63,552.15. See attached for more details.

Melissa Kramer and Janine Bowker spoke about not wanting to sit on this kind of money so it was suggested that a check for \$30,000 would be given to Mrs. Hemingway toward the purchase of laptop computers for k-5 classrooms. This means 3 new computers for each classroom by Christmas break. Cathy Richter motioned to approve this, it was seconded by Erin Bragg and all were in favor.

f. Secretary- Erin reminded people that she updates the PTO website and if they had events coming up to let her know so she could put them up there.

6. Committee Chair reports

a. Boosterthon- See above 5c.

b. Liberty Parade- Christy Beebe says that Action News Jax will be there. Breakfast for Veterans will be served at 8am. She asked that next year we consider an increase in the budget for this event. With so many veterans attending she is already over budget for the breakfast.

c. Taxslayer Bowl- a flyer was sent home, it was on the FB page as well as in Mrs. Hemingway's newsletter. Reminder that a/b honor roll students receive a free ticket. Deadline is November 27.

d. Wrapping paper- Erin Gulden says fundraiser was a success. We budgeted \$7500 and actually made \$10856. Hoping to receive it in time for pick up at Night of the arts. Highest sellers will race pigs on the morning announcements. In the future Mrs. Hemingway would like to move the wrapping paper fundraiser to earlier in the year and move Boosterthon to November for better fun run weather.

e. Holiday Vendor Night- Melissa Kramer reported for Edja Graunke. This event will take place on December 12. Business partners will be free vendors, it is open to outside vendors for \$25/table. Mrs. King is selling bracelet for an orphanage and the PTO will comp her table. The band and choir will be performing.

7. Old business- none

8. New business- none

9. Next Meeting- December 5th 10am

10. Adjournment- Melissa Kramer adjourned the meeting at 10:55am.