

**LPA PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**August 6, 2013**

1. Welcome/Call to Order- Cathy Richter called the August 6th meeting to order at 10:00am.

Attendance: Cathy Richter, Diana Sarama, Heather Lister, Erin Archer, Erin Gulden, Stephanie Holdsworth, Jonyce Brown, Janine Bowker, Hayley D’Jock, Karen Carter, Erika Williams, Michelle Shultz, Denise Higgs, Michelle O’Halloran, Jennifer Stevenson, Mrs. Thayer.

2. Approval of Minutes- A motion was made by Erin Archer to approve the minutes from the June and July Board Meetings. The motion was seconded by Michelle Shultz. The minutes passed unanimously.

3. Principal and Officer’s Reports-

- a. Principal’s report- Mrs. Thayer reported that LPA currently has 1,362 students registered. She may have to add a third grade class. The security system is in place, including T.V. monitors in the front office. Liberty Pines received an “A” grade again this year. There was a 39% drop in the number of “A” schools in the state of Florida. This year, if our eighth grade students took algebra or geometry, they were able to opt out of taking the math section of the FCAT. Since 2/3 of our students are advanced and didn’t have to sit for the test, our 8th grade scores were lower this year than in years past. We have 23 new staff members this year.

- b. President, Cathy Richter- Cathy introduced the PTO mailbox for the committee chairs and asked that committee chairs check it when they come by the school. It will be located in Mrs. Pando’s room. Wolf Greeting packets are being put together this week, so anyone who has something they want included in the packet needs to get it in ASAP. The teachers will return back to school August 13th and the back to school luncheon will be held at 11:30. Tissues and Tea will be held on August 26th. This is a great opportunity to meet new parents and help them get involved. The Great American Savings Books will be going home the 2nd week of school. The 1st quarterly coffee with the principal will be Sept. 20. This year the parking space that is normally auctioned off in the silent auction at the Gala will instead be awarded by a chance drawing. Tickets for the drawing, which will be held at the 1st quarterly coffee, will be \$10 and you can buy as many tickets as you want. Diana Sarama will be doing The Creepline this year. The deadline for submissions is August 15th. Krista Willim will be doing the Newsletter and the deadline for that is today.

- c. 1st Vice President, Erin Archer- none

- d. 2nd Vice President, Denise Higgs- none

- e. Treasurer, Jen Stevenson- The treasurer shared the current state of the budget. See attached.
- f. Secretary, Erin Gulden- Erin read a thank you note thanking the PTO for their work during Teacher Appreciation Week.

#### 4. Committee Chair Reports-

- a. School Supplies- School supplies are here, they are divided up and ready to pass out at Wolf Greeting.
- b. Spiritwear- Stephanie brought in samples of the new spiritwear. Everything will be available online, and she will have samples and merchandise at Wolf Greeting. Computers will be on at Wolf Greeting for placing orders.
- c. Summer Camps- Currently, there are 20 students registered for Drama, 16 for Kindergarten Camp, and 18 for the older and younger basketball camps. We are planning on making \$3,710 for this year's camps.
- d. Great American Savings Books- The Enjoy the City books has changed their name to Great American Savings Books. They will cost \$20 and the PTO will receive \$10 per book. There are posters to hang around the school to advertise the sale and the incentives. For every book sold, the students will get a monkey key chain. There is an online store which is good all year. The books that go home are only for display, and will need to be returned.
- e. Boosterthon- The Boosterthon letter is ready to be sent out to parents. Boosterthon will be held in October in order to reduce the amount of programs parents have to contribute to in the spring. We have a new representative this year and all new support staff. The pep rally will be on Oct. 1st, and the run is on Oct. 10th. Camp High 5 is the theme.
- f. Hospitality- The Back to School Luncheon will be next Tuesday at 11:30. The committee needs donations for door prizes. They will be meeting in the cafeteria at 10:00 to set up.
- g. Golf Tournament- Heather Lister passed out a break down of the sponsorship levels for the tournament. Our first big sponsor is The Watt Team. The tournament will be held Friday, February 28th, and there will be a party afterwards. The club will host a kid's night out that evening. There will be prize drawings throughout the day and into the evening. There will be just a handful of big items for a silent auction at the party in the evening. In mid to late September, a committee will be put together to work on the tournament. If you

would like to be on that committee, contact Heather Lister.

h. Business Partners- There have been changes in wording for business partner sponsorships. To date, there are three sponsors who have paid. There are currently \$3,750 in committed funds.

5. Old Business- None

6. New Business- There is a new system being used for the LPA website and it has been having issues. Please be patient while we work through the difficulties.

7. Next Meeting- Tuesday, September 3rd, 10:00am at LPA.

8. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.