

LPA PTO Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2012

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Cathy Richter began the LPA PTO meeting at 10:00 a.m. on September 4, 2012 in the PTO room at Liberty Pines Academy.

a. Attendance

Mrs. Thayer, Cathy Richter, Melissa Kramer, Kim Delaney, Erin Gulden, Farrah Orr, Jennifer Ferguson, Janine Bower, Heather Lister, Michelle O'Halloran, Erika Williams, Michelle Schultz, Caroline Haines, Pam Watt, and Marty Kondal.

2. Approval of Minutes from August Meeting

Erin Gulden presented the minutes from the August 7th PTO general meeting. A motion was made by Karen Taylor to approve the minutes; a motion to second was given by Farrah Orr. The minutes passed unanimously.

3. Sunshine- Caroline Haines

We will be starting the "Of the month" nominations this month. There will be a box at the front desk for students to be able to make nominations.

4. Principal and Officer's Reports

a. Principal- Mrs. Thayer announced that as of the 4th, there were 1,318 students enrolled and we are expecting more. All classes are full and she is planning to add two more classes. Curriculum chats will be held on the 11th, 13th, and 14th of September. The school is focusing on Common Core Curriculum which involves lots of rigor. The idea is to focus on close reading which involves reading a difficult piece of text very closely in small chunks. There will also be a big focus on math this year. If anyone would like to submit to the website please follow the guidelines. At the bottom of the website are instructions to contact the web master. Please do not contact Diana Carlson-Bright. The website will be updated twice a week and flyers should be in PDF format. All PTO information should come through Michelle Shultz.

b. President- Cathy Richter

i. Board changes- Krista Willim will be in charge of the PTO newsletter. Submissions should be sent to lpaptonewsletter@gmail.com and the deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month. Pam Watt will be

the new families ambassador, and Stephanie Bradford will be doing the Marquee starting in October. Until October, Marquee will be Michelle Reid. Positions still open are holiday vendor night, school supplies, faculty rep lower grades, and PBS liaison. PBS liaison is responsible for helping with the rewards for all grades (K-8).

ii. Creekline needs a big write up for the fall gala. The deadline for submissions is September 15th.

iii. There is an online PTO magazine available at PTOtoday.com and the code to get on and read is GYZI41.

iv. PACT (Prevention, Advocacy, Choices, Teamwork) is having a town hall meeting at Bartram Trail High School on Sept. 20th at 7:00 pm.

c. 1st Vice President (Fundraising)- Karen Taylor

i. The current balance for Labels for Education is 15,590 points.

d. 2nd Vice President (Membership & Volunteers)- Kim Delaney

i. Membership donations are currently at \$1,005. Discount cards should be going home in the Tuesday folders as soon as a list of students can be put together.

e. Treasurer- Janine Bowker

i. State of the Bank Account- The current checking account balance as of September 3, 2012 is \$26,917.83. For a complete breakdown see attached budget sheet in PTO minutes folder.

f. Secretary- Erin Gulden

i. Erin read a thank you note from Mrs. Palmer thanking the PTO for the back to school staff brunch.

5. Committee Chair Reports

a. Spirit Wear- An order for 100 shirts in many varieties will be placed today. The committee is looking to design hoodies and if anyone has any design ideas, please submit them to Heather Lister. The committee is also looking into designing a long sleeve tee. They will need help to sort and distribute. To date, \$17,571 has been collected for spirit wear since the spring order on May 1, 2012. Spirit wear will be on sale at the Homecoming Game.

- b. Entertainment Books-** Currently 25-30 entertainment books have been sold. All books are due back by September 7th.
 - c. Room Parent Liaison-** There will be a room parent meeting on September 7th. There are currently 80 room parents and five teachers still without room parents.
 - d. Fall Gala-** To date, about 60 tickets have been sold for the Fall Gala. Flyers will be going home in the Tuesday folders. The committee has acquired some big ticket items including an X Box 360 Live with Kinect which will come with the new Madden game. Also, the Sharks Cheerleaders will be helping out with the Toss Game. Gift cards and big live auction prizes are still needed and donor forms can be found in the PTO room. September 28th is the deadline for the class baskets.
 - e. Quarterly Coffee-** Everything is in place for the quarterly coffee. Set up will begin in the cafeteria at 8:20.
 - f. Meet the Artist-** Currently, there are volunteers for all of K and 4th grade. We still need 11 volunteers. A sign up genius will go out to fill in the blanks.
 - g. Gator Bowl-** Gator bowl will be held on January 1, 2013. The teams will not be announced until the first week in December. Tickets will be \$30 per ticket with \$10 from each ticket going back to the school. Honor roll students with a paying adult will get a free ticket. Parking passes will be \$25. Sales dates are Sept. 29th-Nov. 9th.
 - h. Business Partners-** Business Partners has \$5000 that has come in or been committed and another \$6,500 that has been committed in kind. Melissa can still use help on her committee and a sign up genius will be going around for anyone who is interested to sign up.
- 6. Old Business-** This year the teachers will not be receiving a free entertainment book. They will be able to purchase one at cost for \$15. The books that were donated to the media center last year in honor of deceased family members have been shelved and tagged.
- 7. New Business-** Mrs. Gitto and the SAC committee need help with Community leaders day. They need food donations and parent volunteers for this event in May. We also need families to send in plastic bottle tops to Mrs. Reichenberg.
- 8. Adjourn-** Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. The next meeting will be on October 2, 2012 in the PTO room at Liberty Pines Academy.

