

LPA PTO MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2012

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Cathy Richter began the LPA PTO monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m on July 12, 2012 in the library at Bartram Trail High School.

a. Attendance

Mrs. Thayer, Cathy Richter, Karen Taylor, Kim Delaney, Janine Bowker, Erin Gulden, Melissa Kramer, Sybil Brodeur

2. Approval of Minutes from July Budget Meeting and June Meeting

Meeting minutes from the June 6th meeting and the July 27th meeting were not presented because they had not been sent to the entire PTO board. They will be voted on in the August meeting.

3. Principal and Officer's Reports

a. Principal- Mrs. Thayer announced some of the new staff positions for the 2012-2013 school year. She announced Mr. Bozeman as the new dean, Mrs. Donlan new assistant principal, Mrs. Hass curriculum coordinator, and Mrs. Laura Rogers new media specialist. She has hired a dozen new teachers and is currently still looking to fill the position of one second grade teacher and one fifth grade assistant teacher. Mrs. Thayer announced that LPA has adopted the Common Core curriculum which has been implemented by 46 states and focuses on writing in addition to reading and responding to informational texts. Mrs. Thayer was proud to announce that Liberty Pines received an "A" school grade with 80% of our students making gains in reading. She would like to emphasize that anyone with rising kindergarteners who have not registered need to do so. We currently have 90 kindergarteners registered. Lastly, she addressed the ADA act which says that anytime LPA holds a public event, the community needs to be made aware so that any person with a disability can contact the school and let us know of their needs so there will not be a barrier for participation. For PTO events, the chair would be the contact source.

b. President- Cathy Richter

- i. Cathy expressed that her vision for this school year would be communication. She feels it is very important for everyone to know what is going on at the school. Information will be put on the website, facebook, flyers, etc.
- ii. Wolf greeting will be held on August 15th for K-2, August 16th for 3-5 and August 17th for 6-8. It will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm and this information is on the web site. We need volunteers to help set up and work the tables. Anyone who has something they want passed out to families needs to have it to PTO by August 9th.

- iii. The LPA discount cards will be put in the folders of “oldest and only” students at Wolf Greeting. There will be one per family. There are 13 vendors on the card who each paid \$50 to be on the card which is a thick, plastic card and very attractive.
- iv. Open chair positions include assistant treasurer, faculty representative for lower grades, holiday vendor night, and membership coordinator.
- v. Cathy would like to create a New Families Ambassador. This person would be in charge of a committee whose job it would be to welcome families coming in in the middle of the school year and help them assimilate to the school.
- vi. Anyone needing to submit anything to The Creeklane needs to have it to Stephanie Bradford by July 15th.
- vii. Anyone needing to submit anything to the school newsletter needs to submit it to Michelle Moore by July 25th. We would like to print out the first two pages of the newsletter and pass it out at Wolf Greeting.

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

- i. There will be a July 23rd meeting at La Napolera to discuss the fall gala. We are still in need of lots of gift cards to put into balloons. Anyone wishing to speak to local businesses about donating \$5 gift cards is encouraged to do so.
- ii. Entertainment books will cost \$30 dollars this year. Teachers will receive them at cost (\$15) and receive a dollar for each book their class sells. A book will be sent home with every student.
- iii. Our box top goal this year is \$3000. We are trying to come up with an idea for the winning class for the end of the year. We have increased our goal for collecting Labels for Education this year.

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

- i. Will be encouraging Sign Up Genius at Wolf Greeting. Approved volunteers should be in Sign Up Genius. Trish Hitchcock will be available at Wolf Greeting to help with sign up for Sign Up Genius.

e. Treasurer- Janine Bowker

- i. State of the Bank Account- The current checking account balance is \$17,557.12. The total July expected income is \$15,422.00 with a loss of \$2,701.21. The total July expected expenses are \$8,900.00, with a total net gain of \$6,522.00. Please see a copy of the State of the Account in the minutes binder.

f. Secretary- Erin Gulden

i. nothing to report

4. Committee Chair Reports

a. Fall Gala- see section c. under Officer's Reports

b. School Supplies- We need people to volunteer to distribute the pre-paid school supply kits at Wolf Greeting. Karen Taylor volunteered to head up this committee.

c. Entertainment Books- see section c. under Officer's Reports

d. Box Tops- see section c. under Officer's Reports

e. Business Partners- A number of new businesses have joined business partners including Hatcher Insurance, 210 Chiropractic, and Bricks 4 Kids. Many more companies have also shown an interest in joining business partners. Walgreens has donated \$500 worth of prints this year to be used as we see fit. Anyone dealing with businesses who want to make donations, except for the gala committee, need to go through Melissa Kramer. Melissa will be sending out an email to our business partners about the welcome breakfast scheduled for September 4th. The hospitality committee will work with the business partners committee on the breakfast.

f. Summer Camps- Discussion was held on ways to get the word out about basketball and cheerleading summer camps. We currently have 8 children registered for basketball camp and 23 for cheerleading. We are looking to have 60 in both groups.

g. Hospitality- The staff luncheon will be on August 14th from 11:30 to 12:30. We still need small gifts to give away in the drawings. Volunteers are needed and anyone interested needs to contact Sybil Brodeur. Tissues and Tea breakfast will be on Sept. 24th from 8:30 to 9:00. Anyone who wants to speak at the breakfast should contact Cathy Ritcher.

5. Old Business-

6. New Business-

a. Gator Bowl tickets will go on sale Sept. 28th. All sales need to be closed out by Nov. 9th.

b. Discussion was had about Family Fun Night

7. August PTO Meeting- August 7th 10:00 am at Liberty Pines Academy.

8. Adjourn- Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.