

Lake Marion Elementary PTO
General Meeting Minutes
October 9th, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the LME Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Wagner at 1:30 pm

Attendance (11)

Mr. Domstrand (Principal), Jennifer Wagner (President), Tonya Hilyard (Vice President), Lisa Cook (Co-Treasurer), Kil Choe Wikstrom (Co-Treasurer), Rachel Haukoos, Jennifer Van De Berg, Traci Werner, Kristin Bornfleth, Christine Cook, and Melissa Schreiner.

Financial Report *Lisa Cook*

Handouts:

1. 2017-2018 Operating Budget (Summary)

Square1 Art had issued a check to the PTO last year that we did not receive. They will re-issue the check for a \$30 fee. The PTO has agreed to pay the fee as the check is for \$1,100.00.

Lisa shared that we have a balance of \$38,436.24.

Committee Reports

Walk-a-thon *Rachel Haukoos*

Rachel reported that planning and preparation are going great for this year's walk-a-thon. The morning of the walk-a-thon will start with a celebration of receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award. Mr. Domstrand has reviewed his plans for the morning schedule with the WAT Committee. All families are invited to come to the celebration at 9:30 AM and walk with us during the all-school walk. Our current donation balance is \$8,627.24 as of Sunday night, October 8. Counting will continue today directly after this meeting.

Culver's Night *Jennifer Wagner* for Brenda Kluck

The amount we raised in September was \$308.66 – this is a great first month for LME. The October amount was \$293.66. The winner of the October Custard Party is Mrs. Hopkins class; there was a three-way tie, so committee had to draw for the winner. Brenda Kluck will coordinate with Mrs. Hopkins and Culver's to decide on the date of the custard party. November 14th is the next Culver's night; there will be a coloring contest with one winner per grade.

Book Fair *Jennifer Van De Berg*

Book Fair will be open 9 am – 8 pm on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 am – 4:30 pm Wednesday and Friday. All volunteer slots have been filled except Thursday 2-4 pm. Jennifer and Tonya will be available as needed. This year we are offering books written in Spanish (libros en Española).

Emagine Family Movie Series *Jennifer Wagner*

We sold 200 tickets which amounts to \$1,200. First movies offered this past weekend. Committee is expecting 25% of sales (\$300) from Emagine.

Box Tops for Education *Jennifer Wagner*

Box Tops Contest will run October 16– 30. There will be drawings for Class Breakfast (GoGurts, cereal bars, juice). We are accepting General Mills Box Tops, Milk Moola, Country Hearth, and Glazers Donuts.

Spirit Wear *Jennifer Wagner*

Jennifer reported that PTO recently received a \$285.30 donation from Threads & Inks (10% of our

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August sales). We will offer another opportunity to purchase spirit wear from Threads & Inks only and online only. The committee has chosen to use Threads & Inks' website rather than Apple Square's website to avoid paying fees. There will be a few new offerings such as mittens and a blanket. Will announce sometime after walk-a-thon and in time for holiday gift giving.

Square 1 Art Tonya Hilyard

Tonya shared that they completed and submitted artwork for 605 students! Catalogs are on their way and orders will be due on November 10th. Mr. Domstrand complimented the team.

Old Business

Classroom Coordinators/Classroom Party Money Requests

Jennifer reported that there is still more party money to count and that she has created a spreadsheet to track money per classroom this year.

Caps for Camp recap

Jennifer reported that the first event for this fundraiser raised \$353.45. Mr. Domstrand was happy that nothing worn to school was inappropriate.

Conferences – Staff Dinners

All Signup Genius slots have been filled for the upcoming parent-teacher conference dinner. Yay!

Junior Achievement

Kristin reported that volunteer response has been great; only one opening in Mrs. Chamberlain's class. Melissa Schreiner volunteered to fill that spot. Thank you!

Board position openings

Openings this year: Secretary

Openings NEXT year: President, Vice President, Co-Treasurer

Nominations can be submitted to Jennifer Wagner and there will be a vote in April timeframe.

New Business

National Blue Ribbon Award

Mr. Domstrand shared that we were nominated by Commissioner Cassellius and was found to be a top performing Title 1 school with exemplary status. LME has closed the gap on all achievement levels and is the 8th highest ranked Title 1 school. Mr. Domstrand is excited about our school receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award and looks forward to traveling to Washington D.C. in November for the recognition ceremony.

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA), provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools, with high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families, to assist schools in ensuring that all children meet challenging academic standards.

Harvest Party Schedules

Jennifer reported that the grade party schedules are listed on LME school calendar. Note that 5th grade will have their parties on Friday, Oct. 27 while all other grades will be on Oct. 31. Kil Choe will add the party times to PTO website as well.

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Lost and Found

Jennifer shared that the lost and found racks continue to become full as the weather cools down. Children are often leaving their belongings on the playground or cafeteria hooks. She is asking for assistance in keeping the clothes hung on the racks and/or placed in the bins. Tonya Hilyard, Jennifer Van De Berg and Kristin Bornfleth have volunteered to help with that effort going forward. Thank you!

Breakfast with the Band

Our band teacher, Mr. Kimmet, is asking if the PTO will host a "Breakfast with the Band" event on January 30th at 8:40 am. Parents will be invited to come in before school to hear a mini concert and have pastries, juice, and coffee. Jennifer put this to a vote and it was approved in the meeting. Lisa Cook and Jennifer Wagner volunteered to chair the event. Christine Cook offered to help with Starbucks coffee. Thank you!

PTO Social Hour

This year's first social will be held on Oct. 26th from 7-9 PM at the Mainstreet Café in downtown Lakeville.

PTO Meetings: Times/Locations

Jennifer would like to discuss if our PTO would/should hold evening meetings rather than daytime meetings. After some discussion, it was decided to try a month with double meetings, one in the daytime and a repeat meeting in the evening. January seemed like the best month to do this. Christine Cook offered to lead the evening meeting, if needed.

Staff Favorites Lists

The binder of our teachers' and staff's favorite things is almost ready. Parents can peruse the binders to find hints for gift giving time. Kil Choe recommended making a big poster or title board over the book that reads "SPOIL YOUR TEACHER!".

Levy Referendum Renewal

Mr. Domstrand wants to remind everyone that Nov. 7th is election day.

From District 194 website: "Lakeville Area Public Schools is asking voters to consider renewing a 10-year operating levy which is set to expire. Renewing the 2007 referendum would translate to \$692.75 per pupil in funding the first year, which supports existing educational programs and services. The question allows for increases based on inflation over the 10-year levy. Property taxpayers in the Lakeville Area Public Schools district will not see an increase in their school district portion of property taxes if the question is approved."

Sign up for conference times

Mr. Domstrand pointed out that parents can meet with Specialists as well as with classroom teachers. Use PTC Fast to schedule those conferences.

Next PTO meeting is Monday, November 13th at 1:30 pm in the LME Conference Room

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Wagner at 2:35 PM

Minutes compiled by Kil Choe Wikstrom