

Lake Marion Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the LME Conference Room

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

Attendance (12)

Jennifer Wagner (President), Tonya Hilyard (Vice President), Lisa Cook (Co-Treasurer), Kil Choe Wikstrom (Co-Treasurer), Rachel Haukoos, Jessica Brandenhoff, Jennifer Van De Berg, Joyce Dressler, Geoff Smith, Melissa Schreiner, Traci Radtke, and Krista Yuronich.

Financial Report

Handouts:

1. Operating Budget
2. Proposed Budget for next school year 2018-2019

The proposed budget for next year was discussed and the following changes were agreed upon in an effort to reach a more balanced budget:

1. Keep walk-a-thon income goal the same as this year (\$23K) rather than increasing it
2. Reduce spending on walk-a-thon by \$500
3. Reduce spending on Staff Appreciation by \$600 (every other month or quarterly)
4. Reduce spending on School Supply Program by \$1,500
5. Reduce spending on Square 1 Art program by \$300
6. Reduce spending on General Operating Costs and other expenses by \$750
7. Reduce Specialist Grant by \$500
8. Reduce STEM Funding by \$500
9. Increase spending for Staff Welcome program by \$100
10. Add new line item to support Seamus expenses \$1,500
11. Add new line item to cover costs for hiring external tax accountant \$500

Committee Reports

Culver's Jennifer Wagner

Culver's night is tomorrow, March 13th. 3rd Grade is serving. There will be a drawing for two iTunes Gift Cards – 1 winner per wing. Come out and support Lake Marion!

Bingo & Baskets Jessica Brandenhoff & Kil Choe Wikstrom

The event was held last Friday, March 9th. Various comments stating that there has been positive feedback from families: liked the printed raffle tickets, happy there weren't long lines to purchase tickets, felt the event was fun, glad there was tables and chairs for everyone, and the baskets were beautiful. The event ended on time and cleanup was handled quickly by the Cub Scouts and other staff/volunteers. Basket winners that were not present at the event will be called this afternoon by Krista. It took approximately 4.5 hours to pop enough popcorn to fill 500 bags. PTO sold 20 Seamus dolls during the event. There were 4 cases of water left over. Jennifer mentioned that we will need to purchase additional plastic bingo markers – Jennifer suggested asking families to bring in spare change to use as markers and then donate at the end of the night. The committee made notes of some improvements for next year, but overall felt it was a very successful event! Thanks to all involved!

Box Tops Jennifer Wagner

Spring Box Tops program earned \$371.40. Two classes won breakfast – Adams 5th Grade and Radtke 1st Grade. Thanks to all families who brought in Box Tops. Keep clipping!

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Spirit Week *Jennifer Wagner*

The snow day and additional late start day didn't stop LME from reaching our goal of donating 2,000 pounds of food to our local food bank. We delivered 2,089 pounds of food on Friday, March 9th to the local food bank. Way to go!

Activity Day *Jennifer Wagner* for Kelley Hoolihan

Kelley Hoolihan asks if having 1 obstacle is okay for this year's Activity Day. All agreed. Jessica requested that someone ask LNHS if we can borrow their golf cart to haul water jugs when filling.

Old Business

Open Positions for next year 2018-2019

The following positions are open and ready to be filled for next year:

1. Board
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Co-Treasurer 1
 - d. Co-Treasurer 2
 - e. Secretary

2. Committees
 - a. Culver's
 - b. PTO Help Days
 - c. 5th Grade Fundraising/Graduation
 - d. Activity Day
 - e. Lost and Found

New Business

Cub Scouts Pack 265 *Geoff Smith*

Geoff explained that the Boy Scouts of America requires all packs to have a community organization that will sponsor them to maintain their charter. Pack 265 is self-funded and does not require anything other than signatures on some papers. He asks if the PTO plans to continue to sponsor Pack 265. All present responded yes.

Kindergarten Readiness Night *Krista Yuronich*

Lake Marion will invite all families of Kindergarteners to come to the school on May 23 to learn more about what they can do over the summer to prepare their children for Kindergarten in the fall. Krista shared that they plan to help set up Parent Portal accounts and provide information on what is expected for Kindergartners in the fall. The PTO will have a table set up to greet families and will have pencil grips for giveaways.

Lost and Found Donation *Jennifer Wagner*

Lost and found items will be donated on Thursday, March 22nd.

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Next PTO meeting is in the evening on April 9th @ 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned by Jennifer Wagner at 2:33 PM

Minutes compiled by Kil Choe Wikstrom