

Lowrie Primary School PTA General Meeting Minutes

Wed., January 28, 2014

Attendees: Chelsea Martin, Josh Dalglish, Kishore Kollu, Carrie Keith, Kim Haymeier, Tiffany Hurst, Jamie Goodpaster, Ginger Fitch, Betty Reynolds, Travis Tadema, Andrea Smith, Kimberly Nelson, Patrick Meigs, Gail Anderson, Robin Mesdag, Mini

Call to order. 6:33 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes.

Motion by Gail Anderson to approve minutes from November 20, 2013. Second. All in favor.

2. Principal's Report: (*Patrick Meigs*)

- Snowball – amazing! Kudos to Lori and Jill. Gym was packed with kids. ☺ Fun event!
- Science Fair – week of Feb. 24
- Latino Parent Night – Feb. 11 – Gather Latino families and talk about ways to support families with homework, literacy.
- Community Literacy Night – Feb. 27 – All families invited.

3. Treasurer's Report (*Josh Dalglish*)

- Exec Committee vote to approve spending for student store (board position will be created in the future for student store coordinator)
- Fulfilled a request from Patrick to provide non-fiction books for classrooms (using proceeds from fall carnival).
- Need to get some quarterly audits done. Need 2 volunteers to audit the PTA books! (Jim Fitch, Robin Mesdag)
- Still have unclaimed scholarships.
- Snowball broke even.
- Store brought in about \$800; \$1000 was spent to get it going.
- Budget committee will need to be re-formed soon in order to get a budget ready for next year.

4. President's Report (*Chelsea Martin*)

- *Update from Exec Committee*
 - Met in January. (Meeting only quarterly unless needed.)
 - Looked at Mission Statement and edited it down to something shorter and concise.
 - Made some minor changes to standing rules (just to clarify).
 - Spring Wheel-a-thon will NOT be a fundraiser this year. Want to do it again in the fall and use it as a fundraiser in the fall.
- Nomination from Executive Committee for new President-Elect: Travis Tadema
- Motion to nominate Travis Tadema for President-Elect. Second. All in favor.

- Will need to form a nominating committee to find the new leadership for the PTA.

5. Standing Business

- a. Snowball debrief (Carrie) – Lori & Jill worked hard and it turned out great! The high school honor society kids worked really hard during and after the event. Yay for having them involved!
- b. Student Store (Carrie) – We now have spirit wear on-site. There were some upstart costs for things that had to be purchased in bulk. 5th grade students are helping in store. All profits will go to the 5th Grade Celebration.
- c. Auction committee (Jamie)
 - Had first auction committee meeting January 14 @ Villebois Community Center.
 - Filled lots of volunteer spots
 - Auction is May 9, 6:00 p.m. @ Langdon Farms
 - Farm Fiesta
 - Carrie is applying for grant for auctioneer and facility costs
 - BIG needs: procurement coordinator, marketing communications coordinator (person who attends mtg., takes notes, and sends info to Kimberly N. – Kim Haymeier), sponsorship coordinator
 - No ticket prices yet – coming soon!
 - Next meeting – Feb. 11 @ Villebois Community Center (may change location)

6. New Business

- a. *Nominating Committee* – need to form a committee to help recruit leadership for next year. Also looking for an Executive Committee – President-Elect, VP for Marketing and Media, Treasurer, Secretary
 - Need 2 people – those folks will create form and send it out to seek nominations
 - Jennifer Dalglish (tentative)
 - Carrie Keith
- b. *Budget Committee* – opportunity to make decisions about what PTA funds
 - Ginger Fitch
 - Robin Mesdag
- c. *Lowrie Arts Festival* – March 18, 6:30 – 8:30 – Ginger Fitch working w/ John Hillan
 - Artwork needs to be in by March 4.
 - 2 components
 - a. visual arts (grouped by grade?) – all media – 2D or 3D; submission forms coming out soon
 - b. performance art – singing, dancing, playing instruments (auditions on March 11 after-school: looking for students doing age-appropriate things)
- d. *Supporting Science Education* – Gail Anderson
 - Motion to support financial backing for a science night. Second. All in favor.
 - Will work with Patrick on dates/set-up.

- e. *Ceasefire/Ask Campaign* – Ginger Fitch
 - Encourage parents to talk with one another about gun safety
 - Stats: Kids under 8 don't know the difference between toy and real guns.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Gail Anderson, secretary.