

Lowrie Primary PTA

08/27/14 General Meeting Minutes

- 1) Call to order 6:30. Introductions, including new Executive Committee (EC) Members.
- 2) Approval of minutes from 05/28/14 General Meeting. Moved, seconded, no discussion. All in favor. Motion approved.
- 3) Principal's Report
 - a) Added teachers, many changes.
 - b) Opened school with 380 students, ended last year at 515 (including preschool), now stands at 539 (no preschool).
- 4) President's Minute
 - a) As begin 3rd year, lots established to be able to build on.
 - b) Review Mission Statement
 - c) Review structure of PTA – Executive Committee, Board, Members.
- 5) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Budget for 2014-2015 approved at May meeting
 - b) About \$30,700 carryover that needs to last two years until next auction
 - c) Current numbers will be supplemented by ongoing fundraising – boxtops, restaurant nights, Wheel A Thon, etc.
 - d) Changes to budget to be discussed later in meeting (see item #7)
- 6) Standing Rules Changes to be brought to PTA to vote
 - a) Move meetings from fourth Wednesday to fourth Thursday
 - b) Add VP of Fundraising role to EC
 - c) Combined Media and Marketing into one role
 - d) Changed language of bylaws to reflect Board members limited only to two one-year terms “unless no replacement can be found” to allow Board members (not EC members) to continue to serve in their role beyond two years if no other party shows interest in the role.
 - e) Motion moved to approve. Discussion: why Thursday instead of another day, some discussion of Executive Committee elections and President/President Elect terms.
 - f) Motion to approve changes, seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
- 7) Budget changes
 - a) Monies for 5th grade celebration will be from general fund – line item in budget
 - b) Any store (and spirit wear) profits will go toward 5th grade celebration as well

- c) Discussion: Changes mean less money in the general fund, which needs approval by Membership.
 - d) Motion moved, seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
- 8) Open Board Positions.
- a) Newsletter – April Pruss
 - b) All Around Town – Sierra Gerdes
 - c) SnowBall coordinator – Jill Saucedo and April Pruss together
 - d) Auction Coordinator – Jamie Goodpaster (preliminarily)
 - e) Science Night – Gail Anderson
- 9) Upcoming Events
- a) Coffee with the Principal September 4th at 7:50
 - b) McMenamin’s Night – September 9th
 - c) Wheel A Thon October 3rd
 - d) Harvest Festival – October 24th
- 10) 7:30, formal adjournment. Those interested please stay to discuss new event – Cultural Event.

Cultural Event Discussion notes:

- *General Idea: evening event to celebrate the diversity of cultures within the school. April 24th.
- *needs new name and branding – International Night, Around the World in 80 minutes?
- *Give attendees a passport to be stamped as visit each area?
- *Food trucks for different variety of foods?
- *each porch a different culture/area/region?
- *coordinate with teachers
- *include history, current events for each culture (educational)
- *include culture’s food, dancing, music
- *Jamie Goodpaster and Dina Elhakim said would help plan
- * need to recruit more people and “cultural ambassadors”