



**Longfellow Middle School PTA**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



**Call to Order and Welcome**

- President Jennifer Von Elm called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**President Update**

- Thank you for your support as we closed out the campaign season.
  - We have raised \$44,110 of \$55,000 goal or 80%. There is a deficit this year due to Giant discontinuing their school bucks program which was \$7,000 last year.
  - We now have 768 PTA members
  - A question was raised regarding the Amazon link and the Smile Foundation. It was decided that the best connection for the school is to use the website link, not the newsletter links.
  - Membership is now required for access to the A to Z directory. At this time, no issues have been reported with the new system.
- The McLean Community Foundation awarded LMS a \$9,000 grant
  - Will hopefully replace 6 water fountains with filtered water fountains with refill bottle feature. We are still waiting on costs to confirm how many fountains can actually be replaced.
  - Benefits all LMS students and whole community and will be located in central locations such as outside gym and cafeteria.
- Teacher grants – Grant committee meeting on 11/11 and will distribute by the end of the year. There is \$12,000 to distribute.
- Longfellow LOVE Jam-A-Thon will be Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 at LMS
  - Benefits Longfellow LOVE student assistance program / 100 families at LMS
  - DJ, teacher dance, pizza, raffle prizes and more
  - Food Drive to benefit S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat) – bring an item and get a ticket
  - The dance is only for students, but some adult (or high schooler) help is needed. There is a SUG to volunteer.

**Program Reports**

VP of Programming, Mel Tillotson, reported on hospitality events:

- The teacher workday luncheon on November 4<sup>th</sup> was well received. Thanks go out to all the contributors.
- Next month there is a cookie exchange for teachers. Students who contribute can earn service hours. More details will be sent out in the upcoming weeks.
- Lancer at the Movies on November 5<sup>th</sup> was sold out. There is a teacher workday in March and we will consider holding another movie day.
- Reflections contest had 18 student submissions. Winners from each category move on to Fairfax Council of PTAs

## Votes

- To approve the October Meeting Minutes:
  - MOTION: by Lavina Colaco and SECOND by Yamina Boukavabila
  - VOTE: Carried by hand vote
  - RESOLVED: The October Meeting minutes were approved without modification
  
- To approve the modification to the Budget for 2019-2020 to allow for a line item for Longfellow LOVE Jam-a-Thon Expenses of \$1000
  - MOTION Lavina Colaco and SECOND by Emma Blankenber
  - VOTE: Carried by hand vote
  - RESOLVED: The modification to the budget for 2019-2020 is approved

There was a motion to end the meeting by Kate Carey seconded by Lavina Colaco The motion carried by hand vote. Jennifer Von Elm adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m followed by guest speaker Jillian Scharl and Heather Todesko.