



PTA GENERAL MEETING—December 1, 2021

A. **President's report: Karen Leiser**

At 7:00 p.m., Karen Leiser called the meeting to order. She reminded everyone to join the PTA if you haven't done so already. We need volunteers for: Nominating Committee; the upcoming PTA Auction; Heritage Night on March 18th; Teacher Appreciation Week in May; and we'll need volunteers for the 8th grade party—we have a good organizing committee going already. Please email Karen if you would like to volunteer. You'll find her email address on the agenda and on PTA e-letters.

Our future schedule of meetings is on tonight's Agenda and is announced in weekly e-letters.

B. **Secretary's Report: Amy Kales**

Amy Kales asked for approval for September minutes. Tianja Grant so moved, and Amanda Abraham seconded. No objections were noted.

C. **Treasurer's Report: Kerrie Lineweaver**

Total revenue to date is \$43,000. Revenue has come from various sources, including membership (approx. 10K), Locker Shelves sales (\$12,585), Spirit Wear sales (\$2K, approx.) and our Support Excellence campaign. We're short on a goal for the Support Excellence Campaign: Currently we've raised \$17K, and our goal is \$40K.

Expenses: We've spent about 10K, most of which has been on teacher grants and stipends. We couldn't provide teacher stipends last year, but we're doing this year (\$150 per teacher).

Karen reminds people that LMS administration has a wish list item: that we contribute funds to replace classroom projectors. We need to do better with our fundraising to be able to contribute to this much needed improvement.

D. **VP of Fundraising—Annie Batdorf**

Silent Auction February 4-10th. We have some good things (trip to Tennessee, Total Wine tasting party). Lots of good things. Annie will need volunteers to help solicit donations, please email if you would like to volunteer.

Next Wednesday is Domino's fundraiser. More restaurant nights will be in the e-letters.

E. VP of Programs.

Karen Leiser reported for Solat who was absent. The Grants Committee met to go over teacher requests. (Teachers put in proposals for funds for special projects, e.g. science presentation on Chesapeake Bay). There were a lot of worthwhile awards made including, without limitation, headphones and library books.

Reflections Committee Chair: Amanda Abraham. Reflections is a competition that the PTA sponsors every year which highlights the arts. Literature, visual arts, and music. Amanda announced the following winners:

Visual Arts - Emil Ragimov

Literature - Angela Yan

Musical Composition- Samar Haddad

The other participants in each are:

Visual Arts - Adian Zhang & Anna Grey

Literature -Venita Wang, Seonghui Ju, Helen Qin, Michelle Liu

F. VP of Communications

Sylvia does e-letter each week. Please make submissions by Friday each week to Communications.PTALMS@gmail.com.

G. Principal's Report.

Dr. Patrick introduced Elaine Tholen, our school board representative. She was also here with Chap Peterson, our Virginia Delegate, earlier this week.

Lunch: There are two indoor spaces where the students can eat. Outdoor space will remain open for lunch as much as possible. Tell students to dress warmly if they want to go outside.

Director of Student Services, Ms. Katie Madigan, updated us on course selection for next year: Once we get back in January, we'll be looking forward to next year. McLean advisors and Langley advisors will be here to help our current 8th graders. LMS counselors will be doing that same work with rising 8th graders. Rising 8th graders will meet with counselors one on one. They'll learn about electives. Rising 7th graders will be met at their elementary schools.

Afterschool program is very robust—there will be an outside party on December 9th. We're trying to build back community. There will be games and music.

Thanks to Tianja Grant for organizing the showing of the film showing and the panel.

Whereupon at 7:20, Amanda Abraham moved to adjourn. Kataneh Lohman seconded. No objections noted.