

Longfellow Middle School PTA General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Call to Order and Welcome

Elizabeth Hale called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Approximately 36 people were in attendance—attendance sheets are attached.

Approval of Minutes

- MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 23, 2016 -- Motion (Noelle Soobert) and Second (Julie Cox)
- VOTE: Motion carried on voice vote
- RESOLVED: Minutes from the May 2016 meeting were approved without modification

Business

- MOTION from (Kate Garcia) and second (Claire Cesna): approve 2015-2016 audit.
VOTE: passed on voice vote
RESOLVED: Membership approved 2015-2016 audit as prepared and presented by Lisa Hilliard, treasurer
- MOTION from Garcia and second (Tram Grohowski): to accept the 2016-2017 budget prepared and presented by Hilliard
VOTE: passed on voice vote
RESOLVED: The 2016-2017 budget was approved

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Mel Quinn reported that Invest in Longfellow has currently raised \$25,240. Work is still underway to find sponsors for the Lancer Business Partnership. Yogurt sales are doing well, raising \$250 to \$300 at each event. Locker organizers are still available for purchase and 150 families have designated Longfellow as Giant Card beneficiary.

Treasurer

Lisa Hilliard provided copies of the 2015-2016 financial audit and proposed budget for 2016-2017.

Program Reports

VP of Programs Noelle Soobert and chairs reported on various PTA programs:

Open House: Tram Grohowski reported had 40 parent and student volunteers. Exploring whether to make the 7th grade session three hours and 8th grade session two hours.

Hospitality Committee: Two events so far this year, both a big success. Back to School Breakfast and Back to School Night dinner for teachers. Both the food and decorations were very well received and appreciated by the faculty and staff. Increasing the budget from last

year has helped in allowing for the purchase of additional food, sturdier cutlery and serving ware, all allowing to a more successful event. Next two events will be Teachers' Workday Breakfast, Nov 7, and Cookie Bake, Dec 15. Community service hours will be awarded to students who bake cookies for this event.

IPN: Lamia Sarver, Chair and her committee meeting this weekend to finalize plans for the Potluck Dinner on Oct 14.

Directory: Kate Garcia reported verification process will begin next week. Anticipate having the directory out before Thanksgiving and will be distributed during Lancer Time.

Special Education Liaison: Kim Suringa, will be reaching out to other parents to arrange a coffee and then sponsor a thank you event for the special ed teachers and staff.

ADHD Parent Resource Group: Held a speaker presentation October 4, Ann Dolin, "Stressed Out About Homework". Approximately 25 parents attended.

Longfellow Love: Nonprofit Fair, Oct 6, during school hours.

Food Recovery Program: Plan to incorporate students by offering community service hours for food collection during last few minutes of lunch shifts. Sign up for shifts will likely be set up via signup genius and sent out by PTA newsletter email. Still discussing where food will be donated.

Lancers At The Movies: Plan to offer movie November 8 at AMC theater in Tysons.

Elizabeth Hale discussed the upcoming Election Day consideration of the Meals Tax resolution. The executive board approved a resolution in favor of the proposal which would direct 70 percent of revenues raised to county education funding.

Action: The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Vance Gore, PTA Secretary