

**Lone Star Elementary
PTA Meeting
9/11/18**

Members Present:

Gretchen Williamson, Natalie Kelly, Ferrin Robbins, Kacy Schulze, Christina Smalley, Valerie Richards, Amber Godwin, Donna Heberling, Christa Cullinane, Amanda Foshee, Rachel Anderson, Amanda Starley, Felecia Truitt, Roslyn Valentino-Ellerbusch, Lorie Thornton, Kristen Ward, Shannon Novak, Tracy Williamson, Jill Craig, Ashley Struyk, Heidi Jovanovich, Tristan Hanna, Kelly Lee, Jennifer Williams, Vivien Miller, Tasha Hanks, Jenny Cromer, Veronica Aufill, Mary Gockel, Sara Arnold, Melissa Rubin, Mary Ann Caminita, Kristin Tallas, Megan Metcalf, Kelly King, Lisa Lemaux, Paula Green, Katy Reibenstein, Lisa Simmons, Valerie Smaistrila, Tonya Torres, Robin Crockett, Kristine Pree, Shannon Allmon, Allison Colbert, Megan Stultz, Tanya Sumner, Alissa Coates, Kayla Richards, Barbara Moragues, Karon Washburn, Julie Cooper, Kelly Williams, Bonnie Perry, Julie LeMaster, Mitch Rhea, Sarah Rhea.

Gretchen Williamson called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Welcome & Introductions - Gretchen Williamson and board members introduced themselves. Gretchen thanked everyone for coming and noted that we can't do what we do without volunteers.

Treasurer's Report - Gretchen Williamson reported the balances from August bank statement – Balance forward: \$22,777.89, Total Debits: \$5,057.47, Total Credits: \$22,046.46, Closing Balance: \$39,766.88. She also reported on the reconciliation report and the balance sheet.

Principal's Report - Dr. Bartlett reported that the PTA supports huge items for the school – The Leader in Me, Garden Days, etc. She reported that all students now have a Leadership Notebook, as well as the teachers. There are 5 sections - Self, WIGs - Wildly Important Goals (they are tracking attendance for now, but they will have a goal of their own this year), Learning (something they did well on), Leadership (they may have a leadership role or job), Celebrations – (awards from their class, something they did well, or a sticker from a teacher). They do something in their notebooks every day. She also reported that there will be individual parent/teacher conferences in October instead of an Open House. Parents will be able to see their student's Leadership Notebook then. She noted that there will be a New Family Ice Cream Social (1st -5th) on Thursday, September 13 at 5 pm. She also noted that there will be a 7 Habits mural going up starting this week.

Announcements -

- Gretchen Williamson explained that the PTA is a collaboration between the school, parents, and teachers. The PTA is there to support whatever the school needs for the betterment of the students, faculty, and staff.
- She noted that the PTA will communicate through an app called SimplyCircle. The invite code is AVGRWE. This is how we will communicate volunteer needs. There's an option to get emails so you get notifications for volunteer opportunities.
- The PTA also has a website (LSEPTA.com) and a Facebook page - Use those to stay current on what's going on, as well as Dr. Bartlett's newsletter.
- Background Forms – Please be sure to fill out a background form if you plan to volunteer at the school. The forms can be found on the PTA website.
- WatchDOGS - Mitch Rhea reported on how WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) help out at the school. He noted that the school will give you an itinerary for the day and you get to eat lunch with your child. Dads can sign up on the LSE website. They should wear their spirit shirt from this year.

Fundraising -

- Christina Smalley reported that Fun Run will be October 25. Last year, the school raised around \$58,000 from the Fun Run. Students will run at least a set number of laps, have goals, and have a pep rally. Parent volunteers will be needed to help decorate, mark shirts and more.
- The Fun Run is also the same week as Red Ribbon Week.

Programs -

- Natalie Kelly reported on events coming up soon. Red Ribbon Week is the week of October 22-26. Each day there is a different dress up theme and is usually a fun time for the kids.
- Character Book Parade is October 31. Students are invited to dress up as a character from a book. All grades are included.
- Programs are paid for by funds raised by the PTA. Last year the PTA brought a BMX team that incorporated the 7 Habits into their act. Natalie is working on something new for this year, possibly for February. Another program set is the 4th grade Veterans Day program.

Other Items -

- Yearbook Update: You will be receiving an email soon about ordering your yearbooks. Lindsey Roberts is doing the yearbook this year. The earlier you order, the cheaper it is. You can also buy ads. Also, if you can help send in or take photos, that would be great. We need grade level

photographers, who will serve as a point of contact for that grade. If you'd like to be that person, please let Natalie know. We will also use the ImageShare app to upload photos as well. Please look for details soon on the PTA website.

- Room Mom Info: Alyse Leibel is the room mom coordinator. We are still trying to find a few more room moms. If you're willing to be one, let us know as we have a list of those classes who still need room moms.
- Committee Chairs - If you are a committee chair, we will have a committee chair meeting soon. There are still some spots open. We need a volunteer coordinator for someone who can coordinate sign ups. We also need 4th grade decorations chair. They are the first program and decorations will begin in October. We also need a Picture Day coordinator to help with getting kids ready for photos. We also need Veterans Day program coordinator. Please let Natalie Kelly know if you are interested in any of these positions.
- Fall Pictures will be Thursday, September 13.
- Gretchen Williamson thanked the hospitality sponsors. There are opportunities throughout the year for families or businesses to sponsor teacher luncheons.
- Lunch with Loved Ones – The PTA is considering having an auction for class baskets during Lunch with Loved Ones this year. We will discuss with the Room Moms at the Room Mom Meeting.

Voting -

- PTA Non-tax days:
 - We are allowed two non-tax days a year. Veronica Aufill made a motion to use August 17 (Meet the Teacher) as one of the non-tax days. Amanda Foshee seconded and the motion carried.
- Mrs. Ritchie's technology program for art:
 - Amanda Starley made a motion to reimburse Mrs. Ritchie for this program as it benefits the students and the school cannot pay for it. Julie Cooper seconded and the motion carried.

Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at Noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm. The next meeting will be October 9.