

# Luther Jackson Middle School PTA

Minutes of November 18, 2009

## ***Principal's Report***

- The cafeteria cards are working well. On average 5 students a week forget their lunch, and we are getting 95% of the funds disbursed returned.
- The newsletter sent to parents is very labor intensive, adding to the workload of the office staff. Mrs. Porter proposed emailing it to those families that have email, and mailing it to the rest.
- The Human Relations Committee meets about once a month, and needs a parent representative.
- The proposed Fairfax County budget looks difficult for the FCPS.

## ***Reports***

**Treasurer:** We donated \$500 to the school's Contingency account and received \$228 from Merrifield Days.

**Membership:** We have 272 members, plus a few just received.

**Spirit Wear:** There is a lot left.

**Student Directory:** We discussed whether the PTA should provide all families with a copy, free of charge, or whether dues paying PTA members only would get one. In the past, everyone has gotten a copy, as a service to the LJMS community, but it is very expensive. It was suggested that we send a notice in the next newsletter asking non-members to pay by Dec 4, as well as asking for donations to cover those who can't afford to pay for their directory. Notice will also go out through Keep in Touch.

**Special Education:** National Inclusive Schools Week is Dec 7 – 11. Could the PTA provide some treats for the Special Ed. Teachers? Also, the Fairfax County Council of PTAs is hosting a Virginia Department of Education workshop about new special education regulations.

There will be no meeting in December; the next LJMS PTA meeting will be January 20.

Respectfully submitted,

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