

Lorton Station ES PTA
Minutes of Meeting held on November 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Nannette Henderson, 1st Vice President. There were fifteen people in attendance (not a quorum).

MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

There were no meeting minutes available from the October meeting to read or approve.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Garrison presented the Principal's Report. The population of the school is stable at this point. There have been some staff additions; she specifically noted Mrs. Norma Reynolds, who will be the PTA point of contact to provide information for the school directory. The school has implemented an anti-bullying/no-putdown program; some information has been sent home. The Thanksgiving lunch will be held over two days again this year; many parents are expected.

Following her report, there was brief discussion regarding the directory and the Thanksgiving lunch. Once the directory is produced, it will only be available to PTA members this year. This will relieve the office staff from having to deal with cash sales of the directory and encourage PTA membership. Since so many parents are expected to attend the Thanksgiving lunch, we will put out PTA membership information and volunteer forms at the check-in desk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joel Schultz noted that while we have quite a few Thanksgiving meal volunteers, we can still use more. The librarians have also expressed an interest in getting some parents to come in and help shelve books and do some other things to help out, so Joel and Jenny Conklin will follow up with the people who filled out their volunteer forms indicating that they would like to help in the library.

Nannette Henderson reported on before/after school programs. There will be no FLEX this year due to a lack of available teachers in the area. Hands On Science has closed down; Science Adventures or Mad Science were mentioned as alternative programs to look into. Chess Club started last week with approximately 70 children and two volunteer dads as chess instructors. One Odyssey of the Mind team has been formed, and Girl Power has started meeting. We need people to research/head-up Theatre Arts and Girls on the Run. Mrs. Garrison made some suggestions for Theatre Arts instructors, and Joel Schultz and Jenny Conklin will provide some names to Nannette for volunteers who noted that they were runners on their volunteer forms.

Michele Fick reported that she already has 17 groups signed up to have booths at the Health and Safety Fair on March 8, including the K9 unit from ATF.

Caryn Emanuel headed up a very successful movie night; we took in about \$150 in donations, which is the largest amount ever. The next movie night will be February 1, 2008.

Joel Schultz collected 27 entries for this year's Reflections contest; they will be submitted to Fairfax County on Friday.

Cindy Stanley reported on fundraising. We have not yet registered this year with Giant and Safeway, so she will work with the Shop and Earn chairperson and Mrs. Garrison to get that taken care of within the next few days. JAXCO revenues were in the neighborhood of what we expected, and JAXCO items were shipped via UPS yesterday and today to almost all of the people who ordered. Cindy will follow up with JAXCO on those which were not shipped because of backorder items. JAXCO's BMX reward show was rescheduled to December 10. Cindy has also been looking into a pizza fundraising program with Pizza Hut where we would get 20% and also still be able to use coupons. She is checking with other pizza vendors as well as looking into programs with Pane E Vino and Glory Day's. A question was asked about the possibility of getting school magnets, which was discussed at last month's meeting. Cindy will check with Amy Smithers on any progress, and anyone who knows of a vendor who produces those types of magnets should give the info to Cindy.

Marion Speranzo did not have a full written Treasurer's report because she is waiting on some deposit details from Amy Smithers. We have about \$25,000 in the bank, and a preliminary estimate from JAXCO is that we owe them about \$11,000. This would put our JAXCO profit around \$9,000, which is what we had budgeted for this year.

Nannette reported that Glenn Cook can always use articles for the Lorton Station Express. The deadline this month is November 28th. Nannette asked all officers to remind their committee chairs of the deadline (every month), and noted that committee chairs should submit their articles to the officers, who will approve them and submit them to Glenn. Mrs. Garrison also noted that any flyers that are distributed to the students need to be approved by her prior to distribution.

There being no further business or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted by:

Nannette G. Henderson

Approved on:
