



Meeting Minutes

Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Zoom

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Meeting Called to Order by Krystal Betts

Attendance: 11

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Building Update – Lori Manley

Welcome to New Staff: Linn Grove has several new faces this year. We are excited to welcome 2 new reader support teachers – Amy Smith & Michelle Gladwin; 2 new student support teachers – Emily Kramer & Katie Dusil. We also welcome Gina Merrill to the 2nd grade team and Susan joins the 3rd grade team in the building this year after teaching virtually last year. Lori Law also joins us as an associate to help support the kindergarten with peer mediated instruction. We also have a new instructional coach – Tammie Tomash and an innovation coach – Shalyn Huber.

3. Teacher's Requests:

Speakers/Sound Systems: This is currently tabled until we get more information from the district.

Soccer Nets: Tabled for now as we are exploring this more as the install of permanent nets by void some agreements for outside groups that use the green space.

Books for new curriculum: Currently working on purchasing books that go along with the new Super Kids Curriculum. There are a lot of additional titles that teachers would love to have. We are currently working on purchasing copies of titles that are not currently in the Linn Grove Library or the public library. We do have a library amazon wish list with the titles that are needed if you would like to help stock our Linn Grove library with these titles.

Metal Sign: The sign in the front of the school has been damaged. This sign was originally purchased by PTO when Linn Grove initially opened. We are currently replacing through Banacom for \$804.10. We are looking to put into the budget for next year to cover the additional cost of \$1900 to add a clear enclosure to help prevent letters being taken or rearranged.

4. Officers Report:

Treasurer's Report: May report presented by Angela and will be posted online for review.

Minute Review: May minutes are posted online for review.



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5. Current Business

Teacher Vouchers: a google form was sent out to teachers for a back-to-school voucher for \$83/teacher.

Box Tops: Physical box tops are being phased out, but you can still turn in unexpired box tops to the main office. Most box tops are now done through the box top app and scanning your receipt.

Hy-Vee Receipts: Currently running a contest for the month of September. Winning class will be announced at the next PTO Meeting. The class with the most receipts turned in (physical number, not total amount spent) will get their choice of \$50 of recess toys (indoor or outdoor), Ice Cream Party, Movie & Popcorn Party. Make sure to label the bag or envelope with the student's name and classroom to count for the contest. Individual receipts DO NOT need to be labeled. E-Receipts may also be sent to linngrovehyvee@gmail.com.

6. New Business

Board positions: Motion to install Danielle Patterson as Co-Secretary.

Open positions: Fundraiser Chair, Movie/Bingo Night Chair, Restaurant Night Coordinator, Co-Treasurer. If you are interested in more information about any of the open positions, please reach out to one of current board members.

Trunk or Treat: October 30th from 2:00 – 4:00 (Set up will start at 1:15) We would love to have someone chair/coordinate this event. We have already started lining up some participants.

Conference Lunches: October 14th & October 19th we are reaching out to Fresh Deli to see if they'd like to partner again this year.

Canvas and Cookies: November 17th. This year we are going to try this both virtually and in person. The proceeds from this event go to the art fund.

Virtual Basket Auction: We are looking for someone to help chair this event. We would like to have an online auction like last year for a platform for raffle baskets.

Holiday Bazaar: December 11th 10:00 to 1:00 with set up at 8:30. Contracts have been sent out to past vendors. We still have room for more. Contact Lana Sellner if you are interested in being a vendor. We are looking to increase our advertisement for this event.

7. Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned At: 6:42 PM



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8. Upcoming Events

Movie Night – Hosted by 3rd Grade, September 24, 2021 6:00 PM

Pizza Ranch Night – October 11, 2021 from 5-8 PM

Bingo Night – October 21, 2021

Goldfinch Night – November 3, 2021 from 5-8 PM

Movie Night – Hosted by kindergarten November 12, 2021

Short's Night – January 5, 2022 from 5 – 8:30 PM

Bingo Night – January 13, 2022

Movie Night – Hosted by 4th Grade February 10, 2022

Bingo Night – April 15, 2022

Short's Night – May 4, 2022 from 5 – 8:30 PM

Don't forget to turn in Box Tops & Hy-Vee receipts!

Next PTO meeting is October 6, 2021!

Record volunteer hours at <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>