



# Meeting Minutes

## Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Media Center

### Mission Statement:

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Meeting Called to Order by Priscilla Zaehring

Attendance: 5 (Officers: Priscilla Zaehring, Angela Tastad, Lana Sellner)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Building Update:

#### *Chad Buchholz:*

- The district is currently looking at start times for next school year with the opening of 2 new schools. An in-depth study was done looking at current bus routes, school start times, and cost impact. There are currently 12 different options being looked into. Current goals being considered – 1. Having all schools at the same level have the same starting/ending times; 2. Align start times with educational research; 3. Be as cost efficient as possible; 4. Create as little chaos as possible; 5. Simultaneously plan for 2020-21 and long term. Goal is to have a decision made by January 2020. On the Linn Mar webpage there is a story/link that families can share their input.

### 3. Teacher's Requests:

*Little Lions AM Preschool* – Field trip to Marion Hy-Vee and Playstation to support their learning with their health and nutrition unit. Total cost \$55. Request approved.

### 4. Officers Report:

*Treasurer's Report:* Presented and available online.

*Minutes Review:* October 2019 minutes available online at [linngrovepto.org](http://linngrovepto.org)



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**5. Current Business**

***PTO Events Recap***

***Culver's*** October restaurant night brought in- \$508.21 the next perk night is in May

***Five Below*** brought in \$20.31 seemed to be some confusion with staff about how the fundraiser worked.

***Movie Night*** – attendance was great approximately 65-70 people. Made around \$30 in concession. Next movie night is in February.

***Trunk or Treat*** – had 21 trunkers and quite a few who attended.

***Updates – Go Fund Linn Grove*** – Currently at \$2665 still waiting on matching funds (approx. \$430 that is not included in total). Still quite a ways from our goal by February. If we continue to be significantly below goal – will have to look into budget cuts.

***Box Tops*** – about 2300 clipped and \$84 in the app. The winner from the app contest was Dylan L. The winners for bookfair will be announced soon.

***Hy-Vee Receipts*** – October total \$36,163.12 making year to date total \$71,176.52 putting us \$17,271.71 ahead of this time last year.

**6. New Business**

***Volunteers: Conference Meals*** – sign up was sent out and most spots have been filled for the first conference night. There are still some openings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference night.

***Winter Spirit Wear:*** Only available online. There are a lot of new items available. An email was sent to staff with the link. Flyers will be sent home soon with students. Orders will be in before Christmas break. Samples will be available in the office the week of November 18, 2019.

***Ornaments:*** Looking at ordering ornaments to have available to families to purchase. Designs and more info coming soon.



7. **Open Discussion**
8. **Meeting Adjourned At:** 7:26 PM
9. **Upcoming Events**  
*Pound Class 11/15/19 from 6:00 – 7:00*  
*Holiday Bazaar 12/14/19 from 10:00 – 1:00*

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**Don't forget to turn in Box Tops & Hy-Vee receipts!**  
**Next PTO meeting is January 7, 2020!**  
**Record volunteer hours at <http://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/login.asp>**