

Lunenburg PTO meeting minutes: October 19, 2015

In Attendance: Ami Powers, Andrea Moore, Meredith Weiss, Lisa Harrison, Vi-Anne Brown, Wendy Bertrand, Corinne Jones, Sarah Call, Sherry Nolan, Karen Chow, Jessica Frank, Jim LaVeck, Heather Sroka, Rebecca Staffiere, Allison Melvin

-Members from Lunenburg GiftMart spoke to the Lunenburg PTO about providing support to the organization. The members gave a description of what GiftMart does to help members of the community during the holidays. The PTO was asked to help with the donation boxes at the 3 schools, handle all communication with the 3 schools, and attend 1 or 2 GiftMart meetings. The GiftMart also requests help the two days leading up to the event. Karen Chow will email GiftMart with the PTO's decision to offer assistance in collecting the items in the 3 school donation boxes and delivering them to the appropriate destination.

I. Karen Chow made a motion to approve September meeting minutes, Jessica Frank seconded the motion. All present voted to approve.

II. Ami Powers reported that membership is up to 257 members. There have been some issues with payment not coming with paperwork, she has contacted these people. Also, she wanted to thank Kim Martin and Liz Peterson who have helped her much getting the membership records up to date and providing information when omitted on form.

III. Sherry Nolan reported that a Miles for Myles article was in the Sentinel newspaper, and that the Blue Karma bags will be in the Lunenburg Hannaford this week for that program to begin.

IV. Sarah Call & Corinne Jones reported that advertisement and ticket sales for the Peanut Movie on 11/8/15 will begin this week. Tickets will only be sold via PayPal. Vi-Anne Brown has volunteered to make copies of the flyers. Teacher reading request emails for The Barnes & Noble fundraiser (12/10) need to go out soon.

V. Jim LaVeck reported the Boys and Girls club added 2 new board members totaling now 15. Its enrollment is so high right now the board is discussing a possible waiting list option. The poker fundraiser was last week and another will be held this winter. The upcoming "Rockn' auction" is 11/7 at the Eagles Club in Leominster; Sean Patrick's Restaurant will be providing the food.

VI. Next Wellness Advisory meeting 10/28.

VII. School Updates:

LPS-Sarah Coronella reports LPS was this year's Miles for Myles building by building challenge winner! Food Play, a nutrition education assembly performance, scheduled for 11/18 at 10am for all grades. The Fire Dept. spent a week at LPS with the Safe House trailer and visited all of the Pre K and K classes with their fire equipment. Parent-Teacher conferences are 10/28 and 11/5. Two Parent

positions are open for the LPS Advisory council. The three parents that are running: John Eberly, Joy Racine and Amy Perreault. Voting will take place during parent-teacher conferences. PTO members are needed to run the voting tables. Sign up through Volunteer Spot. Book fair is 11/2-11/5. School pictures are 11/4 & 11/5. TIGER presentation is 12/2. Volunteers are needed for cafeteria duty, all interested contact Mr. Adams. Ami powers added that Square 1 Art sticker sheets will be going home this week.

THMS-Meredith Weiss reported parent-teacher conferences are 10/27 & 10/28, the week of 10/26 is spirit week each day will be a theme for the children to dress up in. 10/30 is a fall dance for the older grades. 11/2 is school picture day. Natures Classroom went well. Lego robotics club started 10/19, with coding and math club to begin the following week.

LHS- Wendy Bertrand reported PSAT's for grades 9 & 10 were last week, as well as the Breast Cancer games. Teams raised money for the cause at these games through raffles and food sales. This week is spirit week with Homecoming on 10/24, parade starting at 12pm. The float theme is Continents where the winners will be announced at the end of the football game.

IX. Lisa Harrison reported that at this time the PTO bank account has just under \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 2015.

X. The PTO members in attendance discussed how to choose a monetary gift to the 3 schools. It was decided to give a gift of \$1,000 per school. Members felt it would be more beneficial to hold back monies this year and wait on the new school configuration to see where a larger gift may be better needed. Sherry Nolan made a motion to allocate \$1,000 to each school to use at their discretion. Jessica Frank seconded the motion all present voted to approve.

Next meeting(s)

-October 26th 11:30 am at the Lunenburg Public Library

-November 9th at 7pm TCP room #13