



# Meeting Minutes

## Linn Grove PTO

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Meeting Place: Linn Grove Cafeteria

### Mission Statement:

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Meeting Called to Order by Kara Larson

Attendance: 14

(Officers in attendance: Kara Larson, President; Kelly Ackley, Vice-President; Angela Lincoln, Recording Secretary; Angie Lawrence, Correspondence Secretary; Sheri McCormick and Kelly Anderson, Co-Treasurers)

Minutes: Minutes from September 2016 meeting were accepted

### 1. Building Update:

#### *Chad Buchholz:*

- 10/3 was “count day” and we’re up 15 students as compared to end of last year.
- It’s conference time, everyone get out and spend time with the teachers.
- This week is a big learning week. There are no events or activities, so lots of learning should happen.

### 2. Teacher’s Requests:

*Mrs. Bruce:* Requesting 20 transparent spinners. \$21, approved.

*Little Lions & ECBP Field Trip:* Requesting field trip to Indian Creek Nature Center for five classes (80 students) on October 14<sup>th</sup>. \$2/student. \$160, approved.

### 3. Officers Report:

Presented by Sheri McCormick.

### 4. Current Business:

*RBTA:* Over \$4,000 has been raised. Ran on the new track and got nothing but positive feedback. Also received positive feedback from outside volunteer on how we run the event, best of three schools they attended, specifically for handing out bracelets and having kids participate during the day. Injuries very minimal compared to years past on the old track.

*Linn Grove Blood Drive:* We had 20 people donate so we are getting a \$250 Amazon gift card to use for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade flexible seating. Kara mentioned this event will likely be moved to the spring the next time we have one (Spring 2018) due to busyness of fall.

*McTeacher Night:* We earned \$450 total (\$94 of that was tips). School staff working the first two hours worked great and we’ll keep doing that. This is similar amount we usually get.

*Homecoming Parade:* We got 2<sup>nd</sup> place! There is a rumor that next year someone will make a float for us.



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**Conference Dinners:** 10/6 is hot sandwiches, 10/11 is appetizers. Both still need volunteers and have online sign ups at [signup.com](http://signup.com) (formerly volunteerspot)

**NFL60:** Event is 10/18, 5:30-6:30pm, outside weather-permitting, online sign up.

**Culver's Night:** 10/25. Online sign up for volunteers to help hold doors open, delivery trays. Shifts start at 4pm, last shift is 7-7:30pm.

**Merchant Card Fundraiser:** Kickoff is 10/26 in library in three groups, Kody will be there. 10 cards will go home with each student (LL & ECBP can get 5 cards). Prizes will be: Sell 10 Cards get a Linn Mar Under Armour Hoodie, sell 20 cards and get the hoodie plus a LM Under Armour Backpack, sell 40 cards and get the hoodie, backpack and Nike ID shoes. Also other prizes for top class, classes that sell 100, turn in their packets and sell at least 3 cards.

**Trunk or Treat:** 10/29, 4:30pm-6pm in bus lane, set up starts at 3:30pm, flyers printed. Google doc online registration. Looking into having a photo station. Awards will be near bike rack.

**Box Tops:** In September we had 6860 received (2200 over same month last year) and that does not include the 5000 bonus we were recently awarded. October is Pumpkin Patch Picnic contest. Staff contest starting on the 12<sup>th</sup> will probably be Dunkin Donuts coffee and donuts delivery. Download the new Box Tops Bonus App and earn bonus box tops for our school on box top items you're purchasing.

**Hy-Vee Receipts:** As of this morning, \$68,062.12 (we were at \$105,000 same time last year). We'll start promoting it more on Facebook.

## **5. New Business**

**Movie Night:** – 11/4, 6:00-7:30pm, The Angry Birds Movie. Popcorn and water provided by the PTO.

**Maid Rite Night:** – 11/15, 4:00-8:00pm, for dine in or carry out that night Linn Grove will receive 10% of your ticket, slips will be going home with students, please bring these in when ordering as that is how they will keep track

**Kids Holiday Bazaar:** – 12/10, 9:00am-12:00pm, forms will be going out soon, all items will be \$10 or less and will have free gift wrapping for items bought that day

## **6. Update to PTO Bylaws**

Moved to November meeting

## **7. Volunteer Hours**

Handouts distributed with instructions on how to record volunteer hours. You can record hours going back two weeks, beyond that you can use the "contact us" link on that website or send an email to Karla Terry or Lindsey Scheibe. There is a goal this year to have 270 more volunteer hours recorded versus last year. All volunteers with 100 hours recorded do get inviting to a special luncheon and receive their own lanyard. Kara also shared a message from Karla Terry on other benefits, like qualifying for grants for our school district.

## **8. Open Discussion**

Class Dojo and SeeSaw were brought up as being wonderful tools for the teachers to use. Many parents have appreciated teachers that keep touch using these and showing pictures of their child's day.

## **9. Meeting Adjourned At: 7:30 PM**



## 10. Upcoming Events

*PTO Officer Meeting with Dr. Shephard: 10/13, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM*

*NFL60: 10/18, 5:30 PM – 6:30PM*

*America Reads Day: 10/20*

*Culver's Night: 10/25, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM*

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

**Next PTO meeting is November 1<sup>st</sup>!**

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