

Lake Garda PTA Meeting Minutes 29 October 2019

Meghan Rutherford called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Opening Remarks:

- Meghan Rutherford thanked all for attending the October PTA meeting.

Approval of September meeting minutes:

- Genevieve Guilmette made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, and Caroline Brayne seconded the motion.

Reports of the Officers:

- **President:** event calendar is updated on school web site, make note that picture retake has been rescheduled from 11/26 to 12/3.

November Events:

11/15 Family fun night

11/19 Parent teacher conferences/ fall fundraiser pick up

11/21 parent teacher conferences

December Events:

12/3 picture day retakes

12/9-12/12 holiday shoppe

Membership Update: 139 total members, 78 households, and 32 faculty members.

Fundraising:

Cherrydale: \$6601.08

OPT OUT: \$1750.00

Read-A-Thon: \$4148.00

Spirit wear: \$1935.91

A total of \$4,148.00 is going into the fieldtrip fund, PTA will continue to “fund the experience”, but no longer the transportation to a fieldtrip.

All vacancies in committees have been filled besides hospitality, but that is more of a joint effort committee.

- **Treasurer's Report:** see attached report, any questions please see Jody-Linn Pinkerton.
- **Principal's Report:** Teachers loved the October teacher's appreciation event; the trail mix was a success. Picture day went smoothly, the cider and donut event was a success, as well as the school book fair.

School Goal: To have all students of Lake Garda to see reading as fun. Lake Garda is currently collecting pictures of faculty and staff reading at home and posting around the school. There will be staff book recommendations as well as student book recommendations that will be made on the morning announcements. Every month will have a new slogan to go along with reading- December: “reading is a gift” Jan: “cozy up with a good book” and there will be a PJ day and bring your favorite book to school to share day.

Suggestion: “teachers read too, can you guess who?” with a picture of teacher reading a book with just their eyes showing over the top of the book.

- **Reports of the Committees:**

Jamie Jackson (Cherrydale) Fall Fundraiser: made a profit compared to last years numbers, but the offerings from Cherrydale are getting stale, and are not as good as previous years. Possibility of signing up with Lyman's Pies- sign in the spring have more incentives and higher percentage of profit, Krispy Kreme, Bike-A-Thon (stationary bike ride for a certain number of minutes donate money for that amount of time)

Karen/ Nancy Spirit wear: the online store will be up and running soon. There was such a good response to the spirit wear order forms that a profit was made.

Marissa Rosenfield/Scholastic Book Fair: most successful book fair yet even though full tally is not in yet.

Kristen Craig Garden/ Décor: Pumpkins and corn stalks were picked up and donated by Laura Baldino. Holiday décor is next on the agenda, looking to paint the windows like last year, invested in new wreaths and garlands last year.

Boxtops: no total yet from the clipped tops, but the box tops are going clip-less and may merge into the shoppers points.

Meghan Hospitality: parent teacher conferences in November will be Pizza party for teachers and thankful turkeys

Genevieve Guilmette Shoppers points: more information needs to be share to families about how easy it is to earn cash/ points for Lake Garda School. Shop Rite and Price Chopper cards need to be added each school year. Amazon Smiles is a useful way to get money for school.

Kristine Pavelchak/Night Out: refresh the night out location to Tunxis plantation or Farmington Gardens, this will give us more space for the auction items for a lower fee. Looking to not have assigned seats, more flexibility, more food stations, not have the bar close during a "sit down" formal meal, drop the DJ fee, also looking to go green and get rid of the booklet. Sponsors ads would be digital – these locations would still have a \$60 person price point. Silent auction would not need to stop when the meal is being served. Possibility of having "no attendance necessary to win tickets"

Event would still be in March Farmington Gardens 3/14 Tunxis 3/20 or 3/21
Time 6-11pm

Could make the event even less formal for half the cost at Kinsman brewery
\$30-35 7-10pm (this could be a different separate event)

New Business:

- **Family Fun Night:** bingo in November- Jan or Feb Spare Time bowling night 22 lanes \$12 per person 2 hrs bowling, shoes, pizza this works with 6 people per lane. 6-8pm on a Thursday or Friday night. If we are able to "rent" the entire ally we may also be able to get laser tag.
- **Music Request:** Ukulele request the music teacher has enough funding to purchase 10 ukuleles asking the PTA to purchase 20. A

motion was made by Tina Romeo to purchase 20 ukuleles and seconded by Kristine Pavelchak.

- **PJ Day for CCMC is 12/13:** If you wish to donate a dollar to CCMC you may.
- **STEM night:** 1/31 use the gym and cafe. PTA will bring in an outside company to host this stem day with over 100 possible activities to give us ideas to run ourselves in the future. (\$425 fee for the company) free to families to attend. Some of these activities will be easy to replicate at home. Will need to RSVP to the event. Motion to approve the stem night fee was made by Holly Catrino and seconded by Caroline Brayne.
- **Thankful Turkeys:** Turkey stencil will be going home with students at the beginning of the month so that each student can say why they are thankful for a staff member. One winner for each grade will be determined for coloring and creativity. Older Spirit wear can be used as prizes
- **Playground painting:** buy stencils and paint for foursquare and hopscotch... possibility of sharing with HCS to cut down cost?
- **Lake Garda Give Back Night:** 12/10 Family activity night to build something together as a Lake Garda community and see it within our larger Burlington town community.

Meeting adorned 8:15 P.M.