

LISA Academy – North PTA
Officers' Meeting
June 10, 2013

Present:

Shalonda Tillman

Rose Kubas

Christine Archer

The W.A.T.C.H. Dogs program, which LISA Academy West uses, will hopefully be in place at the start of the next school year. Randy Jumper has agreed to oversee and administer the program. Rose has committed to getting the program started and helping get participation from Dads (which could also include grandfathers, uncles, or other male members of our community). The program will then be turned over to the school for them to run. A volunteer of the group will be placed in charge of the program. Mr. Fatih and Ms. Heslep are on board with having this volunteer program at the school. Mr. Fatih wants the PTA to determine *interest* at registration. We are more interested in getting men to *sign up* during registration. Rose will talk to Mr. Fatih about this slight difference in vision.

Mr. Fatih wants to set up a program called Breakfast with the Principal. This will be monthly. The PTA will provide the funds per month to pay for the breakfast. We will have to set the budget for this. We talked about moneys in the range of \$20 to \$50 per month. We are unsure at this point how much they will need and will discuss further at next meeting.

In our budgeting process, we need to determine funds needed for our three upcoming obligations: Donuts with Dads, Cookies with Grandparents, and Muffins with Moms.

We will have 600 kids in attendance at LISA this upcoming year. There were 500 kids last year.

Current balance in PTA account is \$1,307.30. This amount is after the invoice to B & D Solutions for \$501.12.

Shalonda will check on getting a Sam's Club gift card every month.

Shalonda is going to try to re-deposit an old check that bounced in the amount of \$174.00. Returned checks have been a recurring problem. A lot of returned checks were discovered from the Treasurer's bag from the year before last. There were hundreds of dollars lost on uncollected checks, eleven checks in total that were never recovered. This past year, Shalonda has worked diligently in re-depositing returned checks and collecting all PTA moneys that could have potentially been lost. She has decided that this next year, she will make deposits on the

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1st and the 15th which she hopes will help us in having less returned checks. There are eight current charge-backs but all have been re-deposited.

Since we will be selling t-shirts and other PTA items at registration, Rose will contact Mr. Fatih or Ms. Heslep to possibly send out a school-wide e-mail letting people know about this. Due to having so many returned checks, we would like people to be prepared to pay with cash or money order for these items at registration.

For school registration in August, we will give each family a PTA folder. Included will be the PTA agenda, explanation of all events we sponsor, traffic flow pattern, contact information, and a list of volunteer opportunities to include Teacher Appreciation Week, Muffins with Moms, etc. We will also consider asking for committee chairpersons for each significant event we sponsor.

We have also come up with a PTA goal for the 2013 – 14 school year. The PTA will work for the enrichment of parent, student, and teacher relationships, focusing on healthy communication, school community growth, and ethnic harmony and understanding to improve student learning.

In March, we will hold another labels / caps / electronics recyclables drive.

In August, at registration, we can also give out information on a Kroger card registration contest. We currently only have 19 families signed up. Our earnings from those families through Kroger was about \$250 for the first quarter of 2013. It would be worth our time and effort to hold a contest where we gave away Kroger gifts cards per a specified number of entries. Christine will work on this. This is a great way to earn money that is essentially “free” and doesn’t require anything extra of parents except for a few minutes on the computer to register their cards through Kroger Community Rewards to LISA North PTA. If participants can print out their “Kroger Account Summary” from the internet, this can be turned in as proof of registration and names can be drawn from that pool.

Our coffee and tea fundraiser will be held from September 3 – September 13. We must set up a budget of prizes for this fundraiser.

Our Snack Attack fundraiser will be held January 13 – January 31.

Registration table:

Friday, July 31 – kindergarten – Shalonda and Christine

Thursday, August 1 – elementary – Rose

Friday, August 2 – middle and high school – Rose and Christine

Need to find another person to work with Rose on Thursday, August 1.

All clothes that were left in the lost and found can be sold to the ARC. The school has given us permission to do this.

Our goal this summer is to label, organize, clean, and inventory all PTA materials and fundraisers items. This includes t-shirts. We have two boxes of small red LISA t-shirts that can be sold at registration to kindergarten kids. We also have long-sleeved black t-shirts that can be sold directly from our stock at registration.

Christine suggested that we create an order form for short-sleeved t-shirts with the designs already in place (Peace, Love, Jaguars in gray and blue and Lisa North Jaguars in royal blue) to the rest of elementary and middle / HS. We can collect money up front and then place the order by the time school starts, or shortly thereafter. This will allow us to get t-shirts to new students and returning students who need new shirts fairly quickly into the new school year. We will also not be out any money up front as the money will already be collected.

Shalonda said we should only fill t-shirt orders on Fridays. We agreed. All t-shirts will now be kept in the back storage room. We will not keep any t-shirts up front in the office.

Shalonda suggested we have a “buy a t-shirt, get another t-shirt half-off” sale opportunity. This would really help parents with more than one student at the school. Rose and Christine agreed that this would be a good idea, but at the end of the year with whatever t-shirt stock we have left.

At registration, we plan to set out and try to sell everything we currently have in stock: tumblers, t-shirts, and bumper stickers.

We briefly discussed the idea of a PTA Healthy After-School Snacks Corner. We could offer fruit, nuts, string cheese, lunchables, and other things that students would be interested in, especially the younger kids who have to go to clubs and after-care. We all agreed that we want the PTA to be associated with healthy options.

We discussed PTA t-shirts (for PTA members.) Rose will call around for a good price and design.

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Shalonda will be closing out the books for the 2012 – 13 school year and highlighting expenses. All expenses from years prior to the 2012 – 13 school year will be designated as such.

This coming Saturday, June 15, Rose and Kubas will possibly come up the school to work on the back storage room and getting the file cabinet open – drilling through the lock. She can do this if someone from the school is planning on working at the school this Saturday. We agreed that a work day is in order and we will plan for another date if we need.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 24, 6:00 p.m. We must work on agenda and budget.