

**LISA Academy North
PTA Officers' Meeting
October 15, 2013**

Present:

Christine Archer

Shalonda Tillman

Arlene Chan-Mouton

Rose Kubas

Mrs. Ward has asked the PTA if we would be able to provide a birthday cake for each of the staff meetings (once per month) to celebrate the birthdays that occur during that month. We agreed to a \$25 Sam's GC to be given to Mrs. Ward for each meeting. The first one will be October 21.

Elementary Parent Curriculum Night is coming up. We were asked to provide dinner. We cannot because of funds and limited time to prepare. Plus, this is not in our budget. We will donate a \$50 Visa gift card for the chili cook-off winner. Leslie Johnson is helping Mrs. Crace in organizing the event. For \$8, everyone in a family can eat.

Robotics Art Walk is Friday, October 18, 6:30 p.m. We were all agreed that we would show support in whatever way we could.

For Winterfest, we will buy candy from Walgreen's right after October 31st because it will be on sale at that time.

Parent / Teacher conferences are all day on October 21. We will not provide a meal this time.

The next Breakfast with the Principal is October 25. Mrs. Ward has been giving us her receipt for reimbursement for this event.

After-school snack sales are going well. There was a question about this by a parent at the first Breakfast with the Principal. We are currently only selling on Tuesdays and Thursdays but are looking to add Monday with a dedicated volunteer in place.

According to the 2014 "Healthy Snack" regulation, each snack has to be 100 calories or less. Water, juice, and low fat milk are also acceptable. The USDA says snack sales have to be 30 minutes after school lets out, which for elementary students is 3:20. That is when we begin to sell.

Rose checked with the PTA of Arkansas. They told her that we CAN sell right after school, but principal has to approve it.

A question was asked about free snacks. According to guidelines, 50% of our student population has to qualify for free lunch in order for us to get free snack funding.

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Regarding coffee fundraiser, Joshua Johnson sold 40 bags. He wants a new \$100 bill (this is the prize previously agreed upon.) Shaldona will get this. \$50 Visa gift card goes to the top classroom, which is Mrs. Schroeder. For the class party, they can choose an ice cream or a pizza party up to \$25. We will ask to see what they want, and inquire of Mrs. Schroeder when she wants this party held. Everything will be handed out at that time (her gift card and Joshua's \$100 bill.)

Membership fees for PTA will be cut off on Friday, October 25. Rose will make an announcement via Wednesday Mail that if a person is interested in being a PTA officer next year that they need to be a member this year, with dues and form in by Oct. 25.

Coffee did not come in today as expected. Mrs. Ward wanted two of our small bags for parent / teacher conference day to brew for the teachers. We agreed to give them to her.

We need 60 coffee mugs for our December present for the teachers (to go along with the bags of coffee we will be giving them.) Shalonda will look into finding us a design and company.

We can sell things online through our website. Pay Pal would need to be set up. Arlene will check on the fees.

Since coffee will be coming in this week, we need to organize a time to put together orders. Thursday night, 6:30? So far seems fine. Distribute on Friday. Christine will write index cards for the outside of bags with student name / teacher / order.

Shalonda cautions us to be selective in what we as an organization say "yes" to. There are other organizations being solicited for funds. We must stick to our budget in order to achieve all of our commitments and goals for this year. Last minute requests will be next to impossible for us to fill, and unrealistic. A better way is to give an actual ITEM needed (supplies, equipment, etc.) rather than just funds. We all agreed that this should be our procedure. Requests are filtered through us and then voted upon as a group.

Veteran's Day – November 11 – two volunteers are needed to serve breakfast to veterans who will be present for the assembly and ceremony.

November PTA meeting will focus on our plans for Winterfest.

Halloween packets. We will distribute to elementary students only. October 22; use white paper; Christine will copy during the day. Shalonda would be available to help on Monday.