General Meeting Minutes
PTA: Liberty Elementary School PTA, General PTA Meeting
Date: September 3, 2019
Time: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

I. **Paul began meeting by introducing Stephanie to discuss flex seating.** Stephanie said 26 teachers applied for the grant, all were funded. Flex seating provides an innovative environment. Five teachers offered classrooms for tour: Correia, O’Connor, Ricci, Schoenherr, Goitia. Each discussed what they purchased and how it helps the classroom.

II. **Call Meeting to Order 3:25pm by William.**

III. **Introduction of Exec Board members present:** William, Caitlin, Lisa, Jill.

IV. **Reports of Officers**
   - **Events and Committees - Smitha Tumuluri (absent)**
     o Smitha’s notes read by William: Thank you to everyone for coming forward to take on key positions to serve our children and school for 2019-2020. We are still looking for some more volunteers to fill chair positions for:
       - Matball
       - Reflections
       - School supply kits
       - SEAC
       - Beautification & outdoor classroom
   - **Treasurer’s Report - Lisa Geurin**
     o Approval of Audit, Budget, Minutes. Lisa provided Audit copies on each table. Performed in August, committee of three went over all paperwork and financials. All calculated correctly, will send to PTA. No questions. Motion to adopt by William and seconded by Paul.
     o Budget: increased expense and income for after school activities because now mostly teacher taught instead of vendors. Upped Bingo from $500 to $1000. Increased 5th grade budget to $4000 from $3000, as well as money for DARE shirts. Increased Eagle Eye Dads budget for dad T-shirts. William moved to adopt, seconded by Paul.
     o Minutes from May General meeting have been available for review. William moved to approve, Lisa seconded.
   - **President’s Report – William Perry**
     o Thanks everyone and values your time, please reach out if you need anything.
   - **Principal’s Report – Paul Pack**
     o Thanks for all support and everything provided to our school. We’re fortunate in fundraising. September is a full month with Patriot Day, Donuts with Dads, Laps for Liberty. Wants parents to understand importance of not just monetary donations, but time and effort of parents and the board. All love the involvement, look to how you can become involved if you haven’t volunteered. Come to Admin with any questions. Everything in building is a partnership, very thankful.
   - **Fundraising - Jill DeLorenzo**
     o Spirit Night at Chick Fil-A tonight. Laps for Liberty in just over two weeks. It’s the big fundraiser, hope to get a lot of participation.
• Volunteers - Poonam Upadhyaya (absent)
  o Poonam’s notes read by William: We need some volunteers on this coming Thursday/Friday to make copies for laps and cutting the cards. Then on Monday, September 9 to deliver to Dulles food pantry. For school store, I have already written to Anaheeta to let me know the start date. And the biggest fundraising on September 19 Laps for Liberty, I have created the requirements already but once Paul approves the timing I’ll send it out for volunteers. For that we will be in need of around 150 volunteers.
  o Anne noted some Mondays for Dulles South Food Pantry need adjustment for school closure.

V. Reports of Committees
• Membership - Anaheeta Minwalla (absent)
  o 421 members as of Sept 1. Same price for single or family.
• Laps for Liberty – Anne Corej
  o Copies done, lap cards need cut, have volunteers coming to cut and sort. Need as many volunteers as we can to help with pledge cards after the laps. Everything running smoothly so far. PE teachers don’t seem to need any new equipment. Paul noted that we keep 100% instead of paying a company to run the event. Our PTA has set the model for other PTAs around the county. Volunteerism is critical. William thanks Admin for support.
• After School Enrichment Program - Megha Thakur (absent)
  o Flyers went home Thursday. Tennis class error should say price $170, it’s correct on website. Already some signups. Many teachers are leading classes. Trying a new chess company, because we use six crickets for payments, and Silver Knights does not want to use that. Will see how this one goes.
• Back-to-School Teacher Lunch Chairperson - Alisha Vaughan
  o Hope you enjoyed! Please email and let her know what prizes everyone would like to see in the next raffle. Used Anita’s for food, fell through a little bit, sent them an email. Will come up with something different next time, taking ideas. Clip boards and ribbons were popular.
• Eye Dads - Will Smith
  o Been at Liberty four years. Blows away other schools, best sense of community. Have T-shirts this year, went a little over budget, but bought two years’ worth of shirts. Intended to be worn again. Including stress balls for dads. Noted EED’s importance to kids and community. 50 slots available, 14 dates filled to date. Spread the word to fill all spots. Possibility to have hour or two in smart lab for moms and dads? Need someone to lead the moms. Need some extra help those days, maybe PTA can get volunteers. Alex will continue to work on it.
  o Spiritwear open until September 20.

VI. New Business
• National PTA School of Excellence - a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Will bring more recognition to Liberty. Strengthen ties between school and families.
• Hospitality day – pushcart with drinks/water for teachers. Between Matball & Spring Break. Door hangers for teachers to select drinks and snacks, Alisha will deliver.
• Bingo – It’s been so successful we’ve run into space issues. Options? Too many people in the auditorium. Safety wise how many is acceptable? Paul says allowable number varies in gym based on furniture. Families expressed it wasn’t fun because of overcrowding. Will not be free again. Brainstorm ideas!
  • Open discussion.
Paul is proud of PTA school of excellence. Liberty is scheduled to have digital promise visit, where 50-60 superintendents are coming for Loudoun tour. Nothing for PTA to do, but it’s an indicator of our excellence. Schools are hand chosen and wants everyone to know how great that is!

VII. Announcements
- September 11 – Donuts with Dads; Patriotic Day Assembly
- September 15 – AJ 5K Event
- September 19—Laps for Liberty
- Next meeting Tues October 1

Adjourned 3:58