**LSM PTO Minutes**

**April 20, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Patrick Lockley at 11:05 a.m.

Present: Kris Brown, Jen Masewicz, Patrick Lockley, Laura Olson, Melissa Murray, Trista Treglowne

March’s Meeting Minutes: to be reviewed and approved at the May meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:

Checking account balance is $2,375.32. Savings account balance is $130.43. Income was $828.80 and $360 from the “Love for Lincoln” fundraiser. Expenses were $300 from Teacher Requests and $855 from purchasing additional Kwik Trip cards.

Mrs. Murray asked a question about the Kwik Trip net profit over a year. Angi will address this at the May meeting.

Principal’s Report:

1. Forward Testing – LSM is in the midst of testing and it is going well. This year, the teachers have flexibility to allow a student take the test another day if he/she is having issues at that time.
2. Staffing – Positions needing to be filled: additional 8th grade teacher (due to larger 7th grade class), Ledi, Tech Education teacher
3. Pods – Interest in moving to Pods for 6th grade. This will depend upon staffing decisions
4. Math – LSM needs an Algebra 2 teacher. One of the current math teachers may be able to qualify by taking a specific test.

Teacher Requests

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| Date | Teacher | Curricular area/club | Item Description | Cost | Decision |
| 4/20/2017 | Mr. Check | Entire school | $600 in gift cards for end of year PBIS celebration assembly (May 11) | $600 | Solicit donations from parents (Sign Up Genius), PTO to provide remaining gift cards if needed |
| 4/20/2017 | Mr. Blasing | 6th grade | snacks for A.K.A. (6th grade orientation) in August | about $72 | Hold until next meeting Note: Price may change slightly based upon purchase date |
| 4/20/2017 | Mrs. Hoiness | FCCLA | Donations to offset cost of National FCCLA Leadership Conference - 3 students are attending | total cost $790 - $945 per student | Hold until next meeting |

Mrs. Murray requested to discuss PTO meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year at the May meeting.

DWP Report:

The DWP met with the school board on April 10. The board asked for feedback from the parents about barriers to student success, the focus on equity, and what parents liked about the district.

La Crosse Public Education Foundation is holding “Thank a Teacher Day” May 8.

Scott Johnson, the District Safety Coordinator, spoke about school security. By law, schools must have a safety plan that is adopted by the school board. Teachers have been trained in ALICE protocols. Schools are beginning to train the students, starting with elementary. Feedback was given that older (middle and high school) students have expressed concerned that no training has been provided to them yet.

Old Business:

8th Grade Graduation Planning – Planning meeting has taken place. A DJ has been reserved. The committee will send an email request for donations to 8th grade parents after request for gift cards for PBIS celebration is over.

Cougar Pantry – Because the Washburn neighborhood will be getting a food pantry, the Cougar pantry will be streamlining its food offerings to items that kids can make themselves (Raman, mac n cheese, etc.) Ledi also organized the pantry over spring break. Lincoln still needs a volunteer to coordinate the Cougar pantry.

Facebook Page – The LSM PTO page is up and running (thanks Angi)! Please like it and invite any LSM parents that you have as contacts to it. [fb.me/lincolnsotacmpto](https://fb.me/lincolnsotacmpto)

New Business:

Elections – PTO Elections will be held at the May meeting. The current President and Treasurer will not be seeking an additional term. Interest was expressed in positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary. The PTO is looking for volunteers for the position of Treasurer and one DWP representative. Will look into sending email to incoming 6th grade parents along with current 6th and 7th grade parents asking for interest in PTO officer roles.

Culver’s Fundraiser – Takes place June 5th from 5 to 7 p.m. LSM PTO gets 10% of sales. Will be asking for volunteers to help bus tables. The PTO will ask for parent and staff volunteers later in May.

Other Business:

Ledi is retiring. The PTO is so thankful for all the help she has given and will miss her greatly!

AKA (6th grade orientation) is August 23. There is a 6th grade open house from 4:00 to 5:30 that day.

LSM Open House for all students is August 29.

The PTO is interested in speaking to parents during open house and/or having a table available to recruit members and increase involvement. A possible fundraiser was discussed for the beginning of the school year.

The LSM PTO will hold an additional planning meeting before the next May PTO meeting. Items to discuss include fundraisers, 8th grade graduation, and elections.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m Next meeting is May 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Olson