

General Membership Meeting 9/22/21

Board Members in Attendance: Lori Bignotti, Kris Bautsch, Christine Bateman, Kate Blitzstein, Susan Gilbert, Hitesh Uppal and Wendy Pekol

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Meeting called to order by Christine Bateman at 7:02pm.

Welcome-Christine welcomed everyone to the September meeting.

Guest Speaker-Lori Bignotti, Limerick Elementary School Principal

- Personal: She lives with her boyfriend of 17-years. He also lives and breathes education. She has 2-daughters. Both daughters attend Penn State. She has 2-dogs, Tony and Lola Rose.
- Education/Experience: She earned her Bachelor's degree from Alvernia. She also has a Master's degree and a Principal's certification. This will be her 29th year in education. 23 of her 29 years in education have been as a classroom teacher. She taught 18-years in 5th grade. She is currently enrolled in the Drexel Doctorate Program.
- Why I love LES: She adores our families. She is grateful to be here at LES with us.
- New staff members were highlighted: Kate Beer and Haley Didget (Kindergarten), Maria Clements and Molly Storti (1st Grade), Emily Marchesani (3rd Grade), Rob St. Ledger (4th Grade), and Mike Barber, Ashley Heddings, Amy Shive and Brett Sliffer (Other New Staff)
- LES Awards/Acknowledgements: 5 LES teacher have 25 years of service to celebrate and Mr. Hughes earned the Golden Ram Award
- Closing Remarks: These should be the best years of your child's life. If your child doesn't love coming to school, we want to know!

Budget Review – Hitesh Uppal

- Income- Dine Out Night (\$375), Miscellaneous Income (\$69.21)
- Expenses- Insurance (\$365), Principal's Fund (\$400), Teacher/School Gifts (\$1,800)
- A parent made a comment and complimented the teaching staff at LES.
- Michelle Gosch motioned to approve, seconded by Amanda Dabbeekah

June Minutes – Wendy Pekol

- Steph Huggard motioned to approve, seconded by Amy Kibbler

Committee Updates

- Basket Raffle (Beth Hagan)-Adria Ferreri is the co-chair of this committee. This is the biggest fundraising event of the year. The event will be held on 2/26. This committee is a lot of fun. We hope to hold this event in-person this year.
- Book Fair (Wendy Pekol/Michelle Gosch)-It appears we are going to have an in-person fair this year. The shopping dates that are reserved at this time are 11/8 through 11/12. Stay tuned.
- Dine Out Nights (Steph Huggard)-One event has been planned so far. McTeacher Night will be held on Wed., 10/13, at the McDonald's in Limerick. Families may use the Drive Thru or dine in. A table and tent will be set-up outside. The event will run 4:30pm to 7:30pm.
- Family Fun (Amanda Dabbeekah) – Amanda asked Ms Bignotti if in-person events can be held right now. Yes, events are allowed to be held, but that depends on the comfort of the group. Perhaps stick with more virtual events this year? Planning for a hayride event could be in the making for the end of October.
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson)-Nothing definitive yet. She is working on planning a few fundraisers this year. Please share any ideas you may have with her.
- Holiday Shop (Christine Bateman)-Nothing to report other than the date is tentatively set for 11/29-12/3.
- Kids Bingo (Susan Gilbert)-Nothing to report
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Kris Bautsch)-Mr. Bautsch described what we can do to maintain and improve this outdoor space. The teacher raffle will not be held this fall. The hope is to have this held in the spring. He is hoping to plan something for this fall, possibly Wawa coupons. Stay tuned.
- School Store (Christine Bateman)-She explained that we use to have a little cart and sell items at recess once a month or once a quarter. Last year we inventoried all our school store items and have decided to revamp items. We are thinking about including things that are specific to LES. She is hoping to move this online by the end of this year.
- Spirit Wear (Christine Bateman)-We do not have a committee chair at this time. We are working with a vendor. We are hoping to roll this out by the end of October so we can have the items in time for the holidays.
- Staff Appreciation (Michelle Gosch)-Michelle's co-chair is Carissa Wowak. The goal of this committee is to come up with tasty ways to treat our staff. At conference time we provide a meal. Come join the fun in treating our staff.
- Yearbook (Kate Blitzstein)-36-yearbooks have been sold so far. If working on this committee interests you, please join the fun.

Membership Questions/Suggestions

Kate brought up using Facebook as another way to reach us.

Christine mentioned the hard copy version of the directory.

Jennie asked if we could update the information for the new teachers on our website.

A parent asked if there will be a follow-up to the survey to get involved in HSL activities.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 5th – Picture Retake Day

Monday, October 11th – In Service Day, No School for Students

Next General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, November 3rd (7:00pm-8:00pm) Zoom

Call to Adjourn-Kristy Thompson motioned, Seconded by Amanda Dabbeekah. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.