

## General Membership Meeting 11/03/21

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

13 Members in Attendance

Meeting called to order by Christine Bateman at 7:03pm.

Welcome-Christine welcomed everyone to the November meeting.

Guest Speaker-Officer Greenwood, SFASD School Police

- He's a fire chief and a police officer. He's been in police work for 34 years, including serving in Lower Pottsgrove. He retired and then came to the SFASD. He loves working with elementary kids.
- There are 7 full-time officers in the SFASD with school safety being a main priority.
- He sang praise to Ms Bignotti on her established procedure of student drop-off and pick-up car line.
- He reviewed the many safety drills our students practice. These drills include: fire drills (state law), ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) drills and evacuation drills. He shared with us the unification location for the district. The students practice how to lock down and barricade in the classroom. The district is looking into a product (Night Lock) to purchase with a grant. This would be better than a barricade. The students are learning to spread out and scramble and to throw things at the intruder to provide distractions. The police offer feedback after each drill.
- Our staff had in-service training on ALICE drills, barricading the room and "Stop the Bleed" training. "Stop the Bleed" kits are in each building.
- Parent question: How are parents notified if there's an emergency? The District Office would most likely be the one to communicate with parents in a timely manner. Officer Greenwood reminded those in attendance that tonight's discussion serves as a good reminder to make sure that your contacts are up-to-date. Officer Greenwood also mentioned that our school district has its own radio system. If there's an emergency situation, the SFASD school police will get into touch with the surrounding police departments and the county dispatch.

Budget Review – Christine Bateman

- Income- Fundraising (\$313.19), Interest Income (\$.85), Membership/Opt Out (\$1,324.90)
- Expenses-Accounting Fees and Taxes (\$2,060), Book Fairs (\$286), H&S Software (\$47.67), Outdoor Classroom (\$450), Staff Appreciation (\$153.27), T-Shirts (\$1,848.50), Yearbook (\$160.24)
- Adria Ferreri motioned to approve, seconded by Kristy Thompson

September Minutes – Wendy Pekol

- Aimee Kibbler motioned to approve, seconded by Kathy Morris

## Committee Updates

- Basket Raffle (Adria Ferreri)-The event will be held on 2/26. We had two meetings so far. Our donation letter is ready to go. Some letters have been sent. Our plan is to have in-person drop off of the tickets. There will be a SignUp.
- Book Fair (Michelle Gosch)-The book fair is going to run 11/5 through 11/12. The books arrived today and was set-up after school. The students will have the opportunity to shop during their regularly scheduled library class. We will also be having a Family Shopping Night on 11/9 (4:30pm-7:30). If interested in attending the Family Night event, please pick a time slot on the Sign-up that can be found in the weekly communication and the bundled informational flyers that went home this week. Any unspent eWallet funds will remain in your Scholastic account to be used at a later time. We are hopeful that some teachers will complete Wish Lists. Look for these Wish Lists at the Family Shopping Night. Online shopping is open until 11/18. Shopping the online fair may be the way to go with purchasing books for staff. \$20 will be gifted to each staff member to spend at the fair.
- Dine Out Nights (Steph Huggard)-Mrs. Huggard thanked Ms Bignotti and the LES staff for all of their help. It was a great night. The district even held a Facebook Live session. \$251.76 was raised. Giovanni's in Royersford is tomorrow night (11/4). It's all day. 11/29 is Wayback Burgers in Royersford. Stay tuned for more details.
- Family Fun (Kristy Thompson)-Discount Night at Colonial Gardens was last month. Amanda is looking into a virtual cookie baking class for the first week in December. Amanda needs to look into cost. Families would need to buy the ingredients ahead of time. Kate suggested a Trivia Night. Christine mentioned a Craft Night. Kristy continued with a discussion of part 2 of cookie baking class. Could this lead into a LES baking contest? Top Baker? Ms. Bignotti said this might work. Good idea!
- Fundraising (Kristy Thompson)-We are in the middle of our first fundraiser. We are selling Frecon Farms pies and cookies. We have earned about \$300 in profit currently. Orders are due this Friday 11/5. Another thought- Combo family fun and fundraiser=Color Run. Maybe a Reindeer Run for December or a Bunny Hop for the spring.
- Holiday Shop (Kate Blitzstein)-The dates tentatively set are 11/29, 11/30, 12/1, 12/2, and 12/3. This will be virtual.
- Kids Bingo (Susan Gilbert)-Nothing to report
- Outdoor Classroom/Beautification (Anthony Bubel)-The OC committee is currently finalizing a fundraising effort targeted at a second pond cleaning this year. The fundraiser will use Wawa hoagie coupons (which just arrived a few days ago) and OC branded t-shirts (which were already in inventory-green and tan shirts adult and kid sized shirts). The size inventory for the t-shirts and creative assets are currently being finalized (hopefully by the end-of-week). Official announcement and details are coming soon.
- School Store (Christine Bateman)-She is researching different things. We used to go outside at recess with our cart and sell to the kiddos (erasers, pencils). We are hoping to sell items that are LES or Spring-Ford branded. Stay tuned.
- Spirit Wear (Christine Bateman)-107 items have been sold. \$535 profit. We are waiting to hear when they will be delivered and a communication will be sent about distribution.
- Staff Appreciation (Michelle Gosch)-A Staff Appreciation breakfast was held before the committee assembled. Snacktober for the staff was the committee's first effort. We had such a great turn-out that we were able to replenish the snacks later in the week. Kris stated that on behalf of the staff, they were giddy, so happy and grateful for the treats. Next up is the Staff Appreciate meal that will be provided later this month during conferences.
- Yearbook (Kate Blitzstein)-64 yearbooks have been sold. We are off to a good start. Keep sending your pictures (costumes, pumpkins, Colonial Gardens). If your yearbook as already been purchased, you can begin creating your child's page.

## Membership Questions/Suggestions

Christine and Kate reminded those in attendance to sign-up to receive your child's LES T-shirt.

Steph asked where to send photos for yearbook submission. Kate said submissions can be sent to [LESHSLSubmissions@gmail.com](mailto:LESHSLSubmissions@gmail.com). If for some reason photos are submitted to the [limerickelementaryhsl@gmail.com](mailto:limerickelementaryhsl@gmail.com) in error, we will get your photos to right place. We got you covered!

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>-Giovanni's in Royersford Dine Out Night

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>-Fall Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>-Family Shopping Night at the Book Fair (4:30pm-7:30pm)

Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>-No School for Students (Thanksgiving Break)

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>- No School for Students (Winter Break)

Next General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm-8:00pm) Zoom

Call to Adjourn-Kristy Thompson motioned, Seconded by Adria Ferreri. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.