

LFE PTA Meeting  
September 8, 2008

President, Michelle Rawson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the school library.

Secretary's Report: Jeanne passed around a list for everyone to update and/or add their name to. Minutes from the August 18 meeting were available for everyone to review.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle distributed 2008/2009 budget

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Connie was absent. Many thank you notes have been received from teachers in appreciation of the \$45 gift card and PTA membership fee being paid for them.

After the board had time to review minutes, they were approved as written.

VP Cultural Arts: Kim distributed calendar of approved field trips and programs for this school year. If someone has an idea for a program or field trip, they should talk to Kim. PTA funds 100% of our Arts Partners field trips which costs \$3.95/child plus transportation.

VP Fundraising: Stacy said the Entertainment Book fundraiser was going well. The deadline is September 9, 2008, to return books and orders. If we sell 500 books, LFE will profit \$10 per book.

VP Membership: Sonya gave an update on membership. So far, we have 535 memberships, which is 86% of our goal. Our goal is 620 memberships. We will have a table at Grandparent's Day selling memberships.

VP Volunteers: Jami made name tags for everyone. If anyone did not have a name tag, they were asked to sign up for one to be made. Everyone was asked to wear their name tags at the board meeting. At the end of the meeting, everyone was asked to put their name tag in a drawing. One name will be drawn at each board meeting and the winner will receive \$5.00 in carnival bucks. If you volunteered over 50 hours last school year, you received a voucher good for an \$8.00 Lifetouch picture packet for each of your children this fall. Room parents have been drawn and there will be a meeting following our board meeting this evening. Jami has made binders for all of the chair positions. All chairs were asked to keep all of their information and a timeline of their duties to be kept in the binder. Jami has entered 167 volunteers for LFE.

President's Report: Michelle welcomed everyone to our meeting. Childcare is always available. Board meeting is open to everyone. A list of open positions was passed around. Michelle thanked everyone for a great start this year! Michelle will be sending an "email blast" weekly to update everyone on upcoming activities. If you have anything you would like for her to include in the "blast", just let her know. Please remember to get president's and principal's approval on anything before sending it out. Make an extra 10-15 copies to be kept in the front office.

Principal's Report: Jill thanked everyone for a great start this year! LFE has 620 students. 41 are new enrollees. There are 14,048 students in the Blue Springs School District. Jill thanked PTA for their help with enrollment. Curriculum night was a huge success. Safety will be a big focus this year and there will be more practice on fire and tornado drills. September 16<sup>th</sup> will be one of four collaboration days this year. The district is hiring substitutes to teach the students that day. There will also be an assembly for the students.

Assistant Principal's Report: Todd reported Technology installed over 1,500 computers over the summer. There are still a few glitches in some technology throughout the district, but they are working hard to get everything fixed. Todd has set the date for the Watch Dog kickoff on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

Completed Activities: Enrollment help, Back to School Bash, Kindergarten Bus Duty, Lunch with Teacher, Principal for the Day, Spirit Wear: Jeanne reported over \$7,500 in sales. Extra youth spirit t-shirts, water bottles & beanies will be sold at Grandparent's Day. Teacher Gift Cards, Volunteer Lists, Room Parents: Jami reported that room parents will serve as liaisons between PTA and the classroom,

Website: Annette Vietze will be in charge of keeping our website updated. If you have anything to add to website, please email Annette at [avietze@hotmail.com](mailto:avietze@hotmail.com).

Upcoming Activities: Wednesday Folders: Carrie is still working on getting this implemented. Tie Dye Shirts: Help is needed to tie dye shirts from Sept. 22-26<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up list was passed around. Grandparent's Day is October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jackie & Stacy are working on making this day another success. A note was already sent home regarding this day and it mentioned the parking issue. We will sell spirit items, bag tags and memberships on this day, too. Room parents will provide teachers with a break this year. Pastries with Pals: Misty is looking for the best deal on donuts. Lunch room Leopards: Jami needs more volunteers to help in lunchroom. Help is needed in handing out utensils, helping kids open things. There are 4 aprons in PTA closet. Most help is needed from 12:00-1:00 when K and 1<sup>st</sup> eat lunch. Chat'n'Chew: Book orders due Friday. Library Openings: Lori still needs help every other Wednesday and Friday from 1:35-3:50. Directory: Stephanie needs help making copies. Newsletter: Deadline for first newsletter is Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. It will go out October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have anything to put in newsletter, let Stephanie know. PTA Business memberships will be advertised in newsletter. Farm to School: Jennifer reported the desire to add some type of nutritional curriculum to LFE--possibly a guest speaker or an assembly.

New Business: Teacher Appreciation: Julie Reed reported a change to the teacher appreciation meals. We will continue the monthly snack or meal for the teachers, except we will be asking the room parents to coordinate with each grade level and have one grade responsible for a month. Family Events: Julie is looking for help with Family Events and she will have a sign-up at the next meeting.

Review Budget: Proposed budget was distributed and reviewed by the board. After reviewing, the 2008/2009 was approved as stands.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by: Jeanne Burgess, Secretary