

LINCOLN PTA MEETING GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2021
VIA ZOOM

Present: Vanessa Sula, Melissa Savage, Lorrie Walker, Kelly Devolder, Casey Hartman

6:01 -meeting called to order.

Approval of last meeting” minutes: Kim moves to approve, Val second approved with all yays, no nays

Treasurer - Lorrie

Current Balance: \$18,567.48

January Income: \$12.68 for PTA Memberships and bank interest

January Expenses: \$972.82 for postage, scavenger hunt, teacher reimbursements, staff appreciation, and bricks.

Bricks have been picked up and in safe keeping. Andy Sybert (sybertgroup.com) has graciously offered to install bricks for free. Probably be late April, early May to do that.

Ongoing Fundraisers

AmazonSmile now available through the app. Select Lincoln Elementary PTA (Plainfield, IL) as your charity

Box Tops available through the app. Just scan your receipt.

PTA Membership available year-round online

Boxtops have \$13303 life time

Cape Update - Lorrie

District: Return ‘20 plans in place: K started last week, 1&2 started today.

Library: Reopened to public on 1/18

Park District: open enrollment starts for pre-k starts 2/22 with a zoom meeting on 2/23. The Park District has a lot going on.

Need to complete CAPE & Lincoln Awards (Hartman?). We will be sending out the survey and Lincoln/cape awards in March

Are there any questions we would like to ask potential school board candidates? (max 2)

Submit questions for the potential pool of candidates for the school board to PTA email (lincoln202PTA@gmail.com).

5th grade farewell - Lorrie

Already have 10 volunteers.

Contact lincoln202treas@gmail.com to volunteer for this committee
\$625 budget for shirts (Makery), but thinking this potential cheesecake fundraiser:

Targeted at 5th grade parents
\$19-\$23 per cheesecake (we make \$7 each)
Orders close 3/10, delivery date 3/24
Can we pick up from school?

Secretary - Melissa

Membership

Online member registration only
Currently have 133 members

Yearbook

Uploading available online at lincolnpa.com
Click "Events" > "Yearbook"
Upload photos from any point in the year so far. You can stage any of the weekly themes and submit, don't have to be from that week specifically.
We are holding off with new themes until we can get more of the past themes populated and see where we stand on content. The books are starting to get compiled. Cover art has been turned in already.

Spiritwear

Click "Fundraising" > "Spirit-wear"
Lots of options for adults and kids, plus masks. There are Lincoln and LincolnGrows spirit wear options.
The store is open until Feb 21 then closes for a week or two to run/catch up on all orders, then reopens for around 3 weeks and continues in a revolving cycle as such.

Events - Vanessa cover

Lincoln Loves Plainfield

Chipotle on Wednesday, February 8th from 4pm-8pm
Culvers on Thursday, February 18th: ALL DAY
Culvers on Tuesday, March 2nd: ALL DAY
Aurelios on Thursday, March 11th: ALL DAY!

Improvement - Kelly

LincolnGrows

At-Home Growing with UofIL Master Gardener Nancy Kuhajda
SAVE YOUR MILK CARTONS NOW! March: Wintersown seeds
Mar/Apr: Planting of LG School Garden
May: Tallest Sunflower in Will County

Outdoor classroom

Peace pole ideas. - a voice for the tenants on the peace polls was shared.

How to gamefy the garden

Not trying to make a curriculum, but offer resources and options.

-Melissa is working on easy-to-navigate things to do for teachers by grade.

- "Plant Identification" Stations (Do we need QR codes?)

Still sourcing volunteers for April/May planting and summer maintenance

President's - Vanessa

DEI - Kristin.

We all need mirrors and windows in the books that we read. Our classroom libraries should reflect our diverse school

Option 1: Read-a-thon in which the proceeds will be split equally and will go towards diversifying books in each teacher's classroom.

Option 2: Each individual teacher or grade can create their own list for books and parents and PTA members can share those lists via email and social media. (can we use Anderson's? Or is that a breach of contract with Scholastic?)

Diversify the classroom libraries. Use a read-a-thon to get individual books for each classroom library.

Anderson's book store will allow teachers to put up book

Give teachers a list of books that are good DEI that they could run with or let them pick titles.

Early March for a read-a-thon timeline and run about 2 weeks.

Agreed to do a straight read-a-thon without the prizes.

PTA Survey: Mr. Hartman send out survey to all Lincoln Guardians

What is your preferred method of communication?

Which date & time would work best for you to attend meetings?

What PTA-supported initiatives are you most excited about?

Where do you think the Lincoln PTA is with regards to diversity, equity, and inclusion?

What would help you participate more in the PTA?

Do you have any comments for the Lincoln PTA?

PTA for next year (are you at the new school?)

Need Election Committee Tonight (3 members, 1 executive board member, 2 not seeking board positions)

Per Tom Hernandez: redrawing school boundaries *should* happen in March. May need to push back election.

Kristin, Valerie, Vanessa

NEW BUSINESS

Move \$200 from winter to battle of books for Olsen
moved, second and approved with all yays, no nays.

Checkers tournament - 2 kids signed up

7:12 pm

Kim seconds the motion