

**Lone Star Elementary
PTA General Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Natalie Kelly, the PTA President, at 9:11am in Room 101.

Members Present: Please see attached sign-in sheet referenced, Addendum A: Attendance Sign-in. A quorum was established.

Welcome & Introductions – Natalie Kelly, PTA President, and executive board members introduced themselves. Natalie thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged that we can't do what we do, without volunteers & members of the PTA. Natalie referenced the online posted minutes from May 7, 2019, general meeting.

- Motion by Amy Hughes: I move to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019, general meeting. Tracy Williamson seconded and the motion carried.

Principal's Report - Dr. Bartlett introduced herself. Noted the Longhorn Stampede Newsletter sent weekly via email, which is a great resource for the most up-to-date calendar of events & upcoming school happenings. Most notable, was our 1st Tribe Day, which occurred last Friday. She explained what Tribe Day was, details about the program and the background on how the program was developed. She mentioned the significant role of the PTA & community's assistance, whether through volunteering time, monetary contributions, or through community support. She really, really appreciates all the support and looking forward to the new school year.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Foshee reported the profit/loss balances from August 1, 2019 – Sept. 9, 2019.

- Beginning Balance 8/1/19 is: \$18,790.03.
- Total Receipts \$15,155.84.
- Total Disbursements \$16,549.76.
- Closing Balance 9/9/19: \$17,396.11.
- She also presented the purposed 2019-2020 Operating Budget (see attached Amendment B).
 - Motion by Lisa Lemaux: I move to approve the purposed 2019-2020 Operating Budget. Rachel Anderson seconded and the motion carried.

Announcements -

- Natalie Kelly explained that the PTA is a collaboration between the school, parents, and teachers. The PTA is there to support whatever the school needs for the betterment of the students, faculty, and staff.
- PTA will communicate through:
 - Lone Star PTA Website (www.LSEpta.com) and Facebook page.
 - Smartphone App called **SimplyCircle**. The invite code is **AVGRWE**. This is how we will communicate volunteer needs. There's an option to get emails so you get notifications for volunteer opportunities.
- Background Forms: Please be sure to fill out a background form if you plan to volunteer at the school, at any point throughout the year. *The forms are on the PTA website.
- WatchDOGS: Details about WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) program are on PTA website. School will give you an itinerary for the day and you get to eat lunch with your child. Dads can sign up on the LSE website.
- Please see our Lone Star PTA Website (www.LSEpta.com) for details on:

- Teacher Favorites: Every teacher's list of favorites
- School shirts & more can be ordered at online store on pta website
- Fundraising opportunities
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Fall Pictures will be September 19th.
- New Family Ice Cream Social (Grades 1st -5th) on Thursday, September 19 at 5 pm.
- Teacher Birthday Celebrations is new this year. One day per month, we will celebrate all the teachers whose birthdays fall during the course of that month.
- New Family Breakfasts will be new this year. Administration will welcome new families periodically throughout the year.
- Lone Star Elementary's Open House will be Thursday, October 17th between 5pm-6:30pm. Come & go during that time frame.

Counselor's Report – Mrs. Krug introduced herself and discussed an upcoming program titled, "Start with Hello." Details were provided, along with a handout (see attached Addendum C) that helps parents understand and ways to demonstrate/model this behavior. Next month she will be discussing age appropriate ways on how to talk to your children about drugs.

Fundraising Report- Details of events for the whole school year were provided.

- Sarah Rhea discussed:
 - Fun Run: This is our largest fundraiser. It will be October 24th. However, activities start the week of Oct.21 - Oct.25. Last year, the school raised around \$58,000 from the Fun Run. Students will run at least a set number of laps, have goals, and have a pep rally. Parent volunteers will be needed to help decorate, mark shirts and more.
 - Forthcoming Mini Mums & Garters: \$10 each. Place Orders on PTA website (www.LSEpta.com). Order **Deadline is September 16th**. If mum/garter is purchased through LSE pta, child can wear it to school on Friday, October 4th.
- Box Tops for Education: Kristen Ward discussed the new phone App for this program. We are still accepting physical box clippings as well. Please see pta website for instructions on using App. If you have no physical receipt to submit, (i.e. Curbside orders, Shipt, etc.) you can forward your emailed receipt to receive credit. Emailing instructions are available on our pta website as well.
- Sponsorship Opportunities: Kelly Williams discussed this year's new sponsorship program. There are different sponsorship levels for both families/patrons and businesses. Starting at \$25 and increasing up to \$1,000.00. Please see pta website for more details for each level. A printable order/purchase form is available. Sponsorships can also be purchased on the actual pta website. Parents love to help support our local partners who give back to the community! Also looking for additional committee members for this committee. If interested in committee position, please email Kelly @ kelly.williams@sothebyshomes.com.
- AmazonSmile: If ordering online, please use www.smile.amazon.com, select our school → "PTA Texas Congress Lone Star Elementary School PTA." Our school will receive a percentage of the sale.
- Lunch with Loved Ones will be April 13-April 17.

Programming Report – Kristin Tallas discussed upcoming programs, although more are scheduled for later in the year.

- Start with Hello: will begin **September 23 – September 27th**.
- Red Ribbon Week: is the week of **October 28-November 1st**. Each day there is a different dress up theme and is a fun time for the kids.

- Character Book Parade: is **October 31**. Students are invited to dress up as a character from a book. All grades are included.

Other Items -

- Kelly Williams explained two new membership changes.
 - A "Members Only" tab will be added to pta website. Instructions on creating user name/password will be emailed to you soon.
 - Please initial far column on today's meeting sign-in sheet to give the PTA permission to include your phone number & email address on a group directory that is made only available to current PTA members. If you didn't get a chance to sign in today, an email will be sent tomorrow asking for your permission to be included in member directory list.
- Room Mom/Parents Info: Alyse Leibel is the Room Parent Coordinator. All Room Parents will have a meeting on **Tuesday, September 17th @ 9am** in Room 101.
- Yearbook Update: Veronica Afill is in charge of yearbooks this year.
 - Order yearbooks online, on the pta website (www.LSEpta.com).
 - Active PTA members have received an email with a \$5 off coupon code.
 - You can also purchase yearbook ads
 - Anyone can submit photos throughout the year. Please submit photos using the **ImageShare** app. Instructions about submitting photos will be on pta website www.LSEpta.com.
 - We need grade level photographers, who will serve as a point of contact for that particular grade. If you'd like to be that person, please email Veronica @ VJaufill@gmail.com.
- Committee Chairs –
 - If you are a committee chair, please pick up your binders after meeting adjourns. We will email you about an upcoming committee chair meeting soon.
 - We need your help! There are open spots on the following committees:
 - 5th Grade Graduation Chair
 - Veterans Day Chair
 - Social Chair
 - Website Chair
 - Sponsorship Committee
 - Yearbook Committee
 - Please email Natalie @ nataliekelly04@yahoo.com if you are interested in any of these positions.
- Lisa Lemaux was appointed Bank Statement Monthly Reviewer.
- **The next meeting will be October 8th at 9am, in Room #101.* Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9am, in Room #101.

Voting -

- PTA Non-tax days:
 - We are allowed two non-tax days a year. Ashley Struyk made a motion to use August 13, (Meet the Teacher) as one of the non-tax days. Gretchen Williamson seconded and the motion carried.

Guest Speaker – Chief Marlon Runnels, MISD Chief of Police. Chief Runnels presented information on what the district is doing to keep our kids and community safe.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.