

**Lyon/Pleasant Ridge PTA Minutes
September 15, 2015
General PTA Meeting
9:15am - 11:15am Lyon LRC**

Attendance: Sharon Pratt, Jane Devine, Bobbie J. Rubin, Rachel Gilles, Beth Hager, Paris Roghisin, Gillian Murphy, Shannon Marvel, Jamie Stevens, Carrie Barzyr, Karen Hitzeman, John Heggie, Alison Sipe, Rebecca Wills, Jennifer Preston, Elyce Ventura, Kaylee Durow, Kim Vick, Anne Burke, Laura Floyd, Marianne Albovias, Gail Weiss, Alison de Castro, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Rebecca Sanz, Natalie Sepahdari, Dana Palmer, Andie Harrigan, Amy Song, Anne O'Neill Binney, Dena Chambular, Maria Stephan, Sally Claffey, Jill Wu, Ramie Robbins, Erin MacKenna Sandhir, Annette Price, Kim Kay, Sharon Bux, Katie Chasen, Julia Marquardt, Brandy Issac, Tracy Reeder, Frank Rottman, Kevin Dorken

Time	Agenda Item	Responsibility
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9:15am	Call Meeting to Order	Brandy Isaac
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Brandy called the meeting to order at 9:20

Approval of the Minutes	Maggie Rogula
Please review minutes on website prior to meeting start	
Sharon Pratt motioned to approve minutes, Anne Burke seconded	

9:20am	Officer's Reports	
	Treasurer	Sharon Pratt

Approve 2015-16 budget
Reimbursement Procedures
Projecting a loss but doesn't mean that will happen; changed some line items due to the focus on the students; benefit is the main source of income but other items throughout the year bring in money
Submit expense through mailboxes at LY or PR office
have a tax exempt letter -- email Sharon for the document
Budget year ends July 1st so submit expenses prior
Motion to approve budget: Karen Hitzemen, Marianne Albovias seconded

President	Brandy Isaac
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Thank You's
It's crazy at beginning of year; Alison Sipe - PTA Membership; school supplies - Marianne Albovias; thank you to Maria Stephan mentor program; Room parents - Julia Marquardt and Sally Claffey; Kindergarten bus rider & 1st grade lunch program -- Lisa Adler & Andie Harrigan; Global Language & Chess -- Natalie Sepadari; Gillian Murphy & Shannon Marval -- spiritwear; Student Needs Liaison -- Karen Hitzeman & Ann Jankey; Carney Shloger -- Art Enrichment; Lauren Bauerschmidt -- PTA speakers for the year; Maggie Rogula -- Secretary eblasts; Kaylee Durow -- graphics & newsletter; Tracy Reeder -- too long list; Sharon Pratt -- budget

PTA Council Report
Overview of what PTA Council is. Big team comes together what's working, what's not. First Thursday of the month at

Admin building. Open to the public so everyone is welcome.
Meeting dates on District website
Open positions -- VP & Secretary

GEF Annual Fund -- October 12 - November 6. PHone a thon
avoid the call

Debra Gelfund Fund -- helps children in need in our community,
passed away in 1990. Celebrate 25th anniversary -- collecting
quarters on the 25th of each month

2nd Vice President Maria Stephan
Mentoring Program Update
Assigned 115 families. Thanks to everyone who participated.
Continuing to reach out throughout the year to inform new
families of important events. Any feedback please send to
Maria

3rd & 4th Vice Presidents Julia Marquardt, Sally Claffey
Room Parent Program Update
Room parents for every classroom. Turn away over 20 people
who wanted to be room parents. Try to be fair. List all students
who you want to be a room parent for please list all students.
Want to accommodate all we can. Appreciative for all of those
who volunteered.

9:45am Committee Chair Reports

PTA Membership Alison Sipe
A little over 350 PTA members for this school year -- little less
than last year. Membership drive ends Friday. Can always sign
up but by Friday for Directory. \$15 dues per year. Managing
volunteers through volunteer spot -- lists get forwarded to
chairs (please email Alison if you need an updated list)

Art Enrichment Marney Schager
Parent volunteers come in to highlight an artist and work on an
art project with the classroom. AE Closets in each school that
contains supplies. An evolving process -- working to include
the PTA website as opposed to a separate website. LY closet is
organized & restock; working on the PR closet in the next
couple of weeks; huge shout out to Mary Hershey for help
throughout the years

Benefit Anne Binney
February 27, 2016 -- Valley Lo. The theme is A Night at the
Oscars -- the night before the Oscars. Kick-off party at Anne's
house on Wednesday -- see Anne if willing to volunteer.
those volunteers for the class baskets -- trying to make
for those volunteers. Cost of ticket prices for those who
cannot afford the price was discussed. May be included on the holiday
helper if they are interested in going to the benefit and
incorporate into the holiday helper questionnaire.

International Night Dena Chamberlain, Jayme Olthoff

Friday, October 23rd. 8 confirmed performers/2 pending, 13 rooms/3 pending; always willing to have more volunteers; Student Council working on logo; October 8 -- volunteer meeting; welcome to the whole family -- free event

Fall Book Fair Liz Kimball, Kim Prado
Set-up Tuesday, November 10 - fair 11/11-12. Chosen to launch a new program -- offering more books & complete series of books; 2000 books vs. 1200 last year. Quality, quantity & variety. Also need help and more volunteers.

PTA Website Cynthia Garcia
Lots of changes made to update website

Environmental Team Jamie Stevens, Gail Weiss
Not doing TREX recycle program; instead recycling dried markers. Competition between LY & PR -- March 1st through Earth Day. Possibly getting the principals involved in the competition. Bike to school Friday, October 2nd. Tower garden at PR -- trying to incorporate both schools; need help maintaining the launch towers; selling produce bags

Chess/Global Language Natalie Sepahdari
Both going well. Directed people where they are supposed to go for the session. 66 for chess at Lyon; 30 at PR; 32 Spanish LY; 39 PR; French 11 students

Spiritwear Shannon Marval, Gillian Murphy
Lyon -- pretty busy; CLD -- 650 brought in; many more smalls for future; Curriculum Night went well (400) may need more stock; Fall order forms out soon mid-October delivery; selling at Fall Book Fair; donated some stock to Holiday Helper program; possibly gentle used spirit wear drive
PR -- About the same as Lyon -- similar awesome sales

Character Counts Tara Call
District wide focus on 6 pillars of character; food drive during the Fall -- Monday, October 19-23; food drive across 34, 30 & OLPH; advertising via posters & eblasts; count items and competition between schools

Cultural Enrichment Katie Chasen, Beth Hager
Funds set aside to bring in cultural enrichment for both schools. PR -- adds as more of an extra to the curriculum; hire outside companies to provide entertainment

LY -- ties into fine arts teams curriculum heavily;

Student Needs Parent Liaison Karen Hitzeman,
Ann Jankey

works with
help to

Carrie Marquardt is joining the liaison team; not just special needs group more of a student needs group -- need a little extra attention; answer questions about who to go to; inclusion group who event leaders to accommodate children who need a little extra attend an event. SNAP34 at a District level. November 19 -- RED day; October 22 -- Who's who at D34 6:30 to 8:00 -- services available to all D34 services; support group meets once a month.

Student Orientation Lisa Adler, Andie Harrigan
Kindergarten helpers on buses; 1st grade lunch helpers -- went well; need picture day helpers see Andie

Directory Katie Hughes
Online directory trial this year; also Includes a printed directory. All changes due by Friday. Mid-October distribution hopefully

Cub Scout Update Jennifer Preston
Kick-off meeting Friday, September 25. All 1-4 grade boys who are involved or interested are invited to attend.

Marianne Albovias -- Information meeting Wednesday, September 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 at Lyon. Looking for leaders and girls who are interested.

10:35am **PTA Featured Speakers**
Kevin Dorken, Lyon Principal and Frank Rottman, PR Principal -
"Getting to Know Your Principals"

11:15am **Meeting Adjourned** Brandy Isaac
Meeting adjourned at 11:02

Calendar Overview

- * Sept. 16 **Benefit Kick-Off Meeting, 7pm, Anne Binney's home**
- * Sept. 25 **Lyon and PR Picture Day**
- * Oct. 8 **Principal's Coffee, Lyon, 9:30-11:00 am**
- Oct. 15 -- **Dad's Breakfast**
- * Oct. 20 **Next PTA Meeting, PR, 9:15am**
- * Oct. 19-23 **Character Counts Week and Canned Food Drive**
- * Oct. 23 **International Night, PR, 6-8pm**