

I. Call to Order by Danielle Hayes, Meeting started at 7:06 pm.

A. Welcome – Sylvia Guzman welcomed in attendance.

Avery Ralph and Lauren Higgins two 4th graders were introduced and they asked the PTO if a group of 4th graders could do a dance number at the ice cream social that would be held on Friday, September 13. The PTO members thought it would be a nice addition to the social and asked that Avery and her group of dancers meet with members of the PTO Thursday after school to go over the dance and music.

Attendees - Melissa Graham, Kristine Whitelaw, Emila Silva, Beth Rasmussen, Joanie Kokelaar, Sylvia Guzman, Henry Rosa, Danielle Hayes, Trisha Bingham, Deborah Fields, Shari Johnston, Kristen Bulleri, Bridgett Summerfeldt, Renee Andrus, Paula Cavagnaro, Amy Pomerance, Martha Porritt, Toni Orr, Virginia Holunga.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trish Bingham made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2014. The motion was seconded by Toni Orr and passed.

II. Reports

A. Principal's Report – Shari Johnston

- Shari thanked the PTO for its help on the Stingray Arena Day recently held on August 20th from 1pm to 6pm.
- Back to School night was on September 4th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
- Picture Day is scheduled next week September 16th.
- The 6th Annual Walk for Education is Saturday September 27th from 9am to 12 pm. Jackson Avenue came in first place last year. We would like to encourage everyone to join us and show his/her support.
- Walk and Roll is October 8. The bike rack will be extended this year to help support this monthly event.
- Discipline Policy or Good Behavior Incentive is being created for the school which includes earning raffle tickets for having good behavior.
- Volunteers are needed for the front office in the morning (for about a half hour) to help hand out late slips. Volunteers are also needed to help with high volume copying. The volunteer help for the copying could be any time throughout the day.
- The new ten play ground rules are on the web. They will also be translated to Spanish.

B. Teacher's Report – None

C. Treasurer's Report – Trisha Bingham

- The 2014-2015 Budget Proposal – Several questions were asked about how the teachers would request monies from the PTO given the new policy at LVJUSD. All field trip funds and donations will be made to the school not PTO. Teachers will need to submit a PO to the district for field trips. The new policy was sent up by the District for the teachers to avoid

tax issues.

- Will the district now have to now approve the fund raisers? The answer is currently “No”, but the school sponsored fund raisers monies will now be held in Treasury by the District.
- Will the Spaghetti Feed monies be sent to the district? No, Shari Johnston said, they are held in prepayment for the 5th Grade students by Camp Arroyo.
- Bridgett Summerfeldt gave a Science Camp Donation update on candy sales from candies left over from the Movie Fund Raiser.
- A question was raised on why the budget included an outdoor camp fund and a science camp fund? The answer given was: 5th grade students will be left behind because they did not get their paperwork in on time to attend the overnight off campus science camp at Camp Arroyo. They will be attending the outdoor camp here at Jackson Avenue.
- An alternative art class is Art in Action the web site address is **artinaction.org**. The approximate cost is \$8/student. Does PTO want to help fund this? The response was not clearly given. The PTO members will do more research into this organization to see if it is a good fit for Jackson Avenue.
- The Play Ground Supervisor Grant needs to be extended for the 2014-2015 school year. **A motion was made by Beth Rasmussen to extend the grant and seconded by Emila Silva. All were in favor of extending the Play Ground Supervisor Grant.**
- PTO has an administrative supplies check for last year for Jackson Ave School.
- Last year there was a loss on ice cream sales. Joanie Kokelaar will look into the cost and pricing for the sales to see if the PTO can break-even this year.
- PTO supplements \$9,500 for the Jackson Avenue Librarian. This supplement was approved last year. The PTO also has in the budget to give \$1000 to give to the library for Accelerated Reading prizes. The librarian needs to request this money from the PTO. This is not requested every year. It is given on a request basis.
- PTO also has monies in a money market account.
- Awning for school outside lunch area has been of interest to the parents and children. Can this be purchased for this area by the PTO? Does the school district need to approve this before we can purchase? Are building permits needed? Shari Johnston will start to look into this for the PTO.

III. New Business:

- A. The PTO is sponsoring a yearbook cover art contest. The winner of the contest will receive a free yearbook. The art needs to be received by October 3rd to be considered in the contest.
- B. The PTO fall fundraiser is going to be giftwrap sales and it will start in October. We do not want it to be at the same time as East Avenue’s fundraiser. This year we are going with a local Livermore company
- C. There are still open committee chairs that need to be filled. Some PTO members volunteered to fill these positions.
- D. Henry Rosa would like a bike safety workshop to help promote Boy Scouts Pack 900. He would like to have it on or around the Rock and Roll to School Day in October. He would like Livermore Cyclery to come and help.
- E. Joanie Kokelaar presented on ABC Music program where the 4th and 5th graders have an opportunity to learn how to play an instrument. ABC would host an instrument petting zoo

where the kids can try out each band instrument. ABC would then come to the school twice a week. The cost would be between \$45-\$75 per month depending on whether you rent or own your instrument. It would be a total of eight practices per month. It would be set up for Tuesday and Thursday practice.

F. Beth Rasmussen the chair for Box Tops and Labels for Education said the PTO received a check from box tops for \$606.00. The monies earned from Label for Education paid for the purchase of the prizes for the spring fundraiser last year.

G. eScrip is chaired by Karen Higgins and she is entering the Jackson Ave. renewal information online to the eScrip website. The PTO website has a link for the Jackson Ave. parents.

H. Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser at Camp Arroyo on October 17th

IV. The next PTO meeting was set for October 8th from 7:00-8:00pm.

V. Adjourned at 8:35 pm.