Las Sendas Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization 3120 N. Red Mountain, Mesa, AZ 85207



Agenda-General Meeting November 24, 2025

Meeting Called to Order at 2:30pm

Introduction/Roll Call			
	Jennifer Berkshire – President Cindy Sroufe – Treasurer Donna Walkoz – Secretary (absent)		Brittany Fawley – VP Comm. (absent) Kaitlyn Rodgers – VP Events (absent) Abby Donahue – VP Fundraising

Approval of October 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Mr. Hockings. Second by Mrs. Wienke. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

Thanks for the pot luck lunch and sensory walk. The kids are learning how to use it and it was requested that a progress video be made to show the district. Stevenson is feeling very blessed for the canned food and clothes. They have turned a classroom into a pantry/closet. It was a fun time at the turkey trot.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed Budget - Operating Account Balance \$69,985.15

Encumbered \$ 19,236.67

Operating Account Balance after encumbered funds \$50,748.48

- Motion made by Mr. Lorenzen. Second by Mrs. Smith. Motion passed.

Review of November:

- The Turkey Trot this last weekend was very fun and a huge success. Big thank you to the Las Sendas HOA, Wes the DJ, and Mr. Cuocci for making this event fun and possible. We had over 60 people running.
- We partnered with the student council for the canned food/clothing drive. We had 25 bags of clothes and about 2,000 cans of food that we donated to Stevenson Elementary. Ms. Sears's class is the winner of the ice cream party and Mrs. Schreiber's class is the runner up.
- The thanksgiving quarterly luncheon was special given the rainy weather. Thank you to the volunteers who contributed chili and other sundries.
- Grandma's ice cream donated \$125.

New Business

- Fundraising Update:
 - o DNOs: Chick-fil-a- raised \$147.88. The next DNO is Someburros January 12.

- Please make sure you are uploading your photos to Google Drive and sharing the drive with Khloe Jones. Cindy will also be helping with this project.
- Yearbook Cover Contest 6th-Grade teachers will receive information the week of December 8th, so students can work on the design over break if they desire. The submission deadline is January 16, 202 and the voting will take place at the January 26th PTO meeting. Teacher, staff, and parents (no children) can vote for the covers in the office the on the 26th or in person at the meeting.
- We are still waiting for the district to approve the water fountains.
- We distributed a check for the Dons (3rd), Desert Outdoor (5th) and Zoo (4th) field trips. Up next will be the science camp trip in the spring. Each grade level will get one field trip's buses paid for.
- The Student Council will be doing the winter holiday grams.
- We unencumbered the funds for the trunk or treat event before the pizza prize was purchased. Motion to encumber \$75.80 to pay for the pizzas.
- - Motion made by Mrs. Lazier. Second by Mrs. Howard. Motion passed.
- Canned food drive prizes will be ice creams. Motion to encumber \$50.
- - Motion made by Mrs. Zima. Second by Mrs. Valencia. Motion passed.
- Our auction for next year will be "Aloha Nights" and it will be April 17 at the Pavilions. Please send out a save the date reminder in your newsletters. We will be distributing teacher information packets in January.

Agenda Requests

Melissa Smith - ASU garden. Motion to encumber \$1500; Mrs. Smith talked about how it will take a few years to fully sustain the garden. We are in the second year. Mulch needs to be put down and sometimes trees need to be replaced. These funds should cover the garen for the next three years. It was discussed that more funds might be needed or some of these funds might not be used. Mr. Hockings brought up the concern of mosquitoes. Mrs. Smith talked about the standing water being necessary to create a sustainable garden. There will be some research done to see what plants can be added to deter mosquitoes.

- Motion made by Mr. Lorenzen. Second by Mrs. Lazier. Motion passed.

General Housekeeping

- Motion to **unencumber** (\$8.36)
 - Spelling Bee awards \$8.36
 - Motion made by Mrs. Lazier. Second by Mrs. Zima. Sears. Motion passed.

Other Discussion:

There are no events in December and it was voted on to cancel the December meeting. If other news comes up between now and the January meeting, an email will be sent to the staff.

- Motion to cancel Dec. meeting made by Mrs. Lazier. Second by Ms. Micela. Motion passed.

With the cancelation of the Dec. meeting, the following events were discussed and monies encumbered:

Bingo \$500, this event cost is slightly higher due to the need of purchasing new sheets, dabbers, and prizes.

- Motion made by Mrs. Valencia. Second by Mrs. Smith. Motion passed.

Aloha Nights Auction \$2000, this would be reserved for the Handbid renewal or the deposit of the Pavilions if those invoices come up before the Jan. meeting.

- Motion made by Mrs. Wienke. Second by Mrs. Lazier. Motion passed.

Talent Show. A flyer will be sent out before winter break so the students have time to prepare their acts for auditions in Jan. The teachers are encouraged to create an act for the show. The use of the inflatables was discussed. It is encouraged to have students participate in groups so more kids can be involved.

Upcoming Events

- 12/15/25 General PTO meeting at 2:30 in the media center
- 12/19-31/25 Winter Break
- 1/16/25 Yearbook cover deadline
- 1/26/26 PTO meeting
- 4/17/26 Aloha Nights Auction

Next PTO Meeting

- December 15, 2025 (canceled)
- January 26, 2026

Motion to adjourn at 2:54

- Motion made by Mr. Hockings. Second by Mrs. Zima. Motion passed.