**LAS SENDAS PTO GENERAL MEETING November 29, 2021**

Las Sendas Elementary PTO met in general session and via Web-ex on November 29th, 2021. Meeting was called to order at 4:37pm.

**Introduction/Roll Call:** **Jennifer Berkshire**

Jennifer Berkshire (President), Michele Barragan (Fundraising), Hannah Reis (Communications), and Brittany Fawley (Events) were all present. Karolyn Ferrin (Fundraising Assistant), Cortny Tune (Communications Assistant), Lindsay Clayton (Treasurer) and Joy Johnson (Secretary) were not present.

Motion to approve October 25, 2021 minutes as written made by Angela Valencia. Second by Marie Lombardi. Motion passed.

**Principal’s Report**   **Aaron Kaczmarek**

The district is adopting new math and ELA textbooks. You can find samples of the options in the back corner of the media center. Come check them out and place your vote by December 31st. The district will make a final decision based on the votes from the schools and communities.

We had 3 teachers from our campus win grant money. Congratulations to Mrs. Wienke, Mr. Cuocci and Mrs. Schreiber.

Stay tuned for more information regarding an Innovation Grant for our school and a STEM Showcase planned by our STEM Advisory Council.

**Treasurer’s Report** **Jennifer Berkshire**

Operating Balance is $89,872.39

Balance after Unencumbered Funds $58,143.07

Media Center Balance $3,183.55

**REVIEW of November Jennifer Berkshire**

We had the biggest turnout for our Coyote Campout in history with over 100 people! Everyone had fun by the campfires and making smores. Special thank you to the Scouts for serving breakfast. They earned $355 that morning.

The canned food drive for Jefferson was a huge success. We had three pickups and each time their truck was filled to the brim. Mrs. Lazier’s class is the winner for donating 869 cans. However, Mrs. Smith’s class was not far behind, with 866 cans. They both have earned a pizza party. Mr. Lorenzen and Mrs. Eaton’s classes will receive and otter pop party for donating over 250 cans. Jefferson Elementary is extremely grateful. Because of our donations, they were filled up for Thanksgiving and were even able to begin preparing for Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Fundraising Update:** **Michele Barragan**

 Dining Night’s Out (DNO)

Panda Express total $206.70

Chick-fil-a $419

Cup of Joey $58.32

Next DNO Barro’s Pizza, December 8th all day. Make sure to mention Las Sendas!

Holiday grams will go on sale Monday. For $1 the students can send a lollipop and note to a friend. Please turn in orders to the front office. There are extra copies in the office and a downloadable version on the PTO website. We will be delivering them directly before winter break. Thank you to Berkshire Law Office for printing the Holiday Grams for us!

To save on shipping and to take advantage of a sale, the Cupid’s Cards candy was purchased the same time the candy for the Holiday Grams was purchased. Motion to encumber $215.73 for the Cupid’s Cards candy was made by Pam McConnell. Second by Marie Lombardi. Motion passed.

Cup of Joey is opening a store front at Ellsworth and Brown soon. They will honor donating to our PTO even at the store. As a congratulations we would like to order a Congratulations banner and have the teachers sign the back as a “thank you” and present the banner to them. Motion to encumber $33.56 for the banner from Staples made by Marie Lombardi. Second by James Cuocci. Motion passed.

Mrs. Baker: Motion to encumber $81.18 for 2nd grade reading passage curriculum set for the entire year made by Melissa Smith. Second by Marie Lombardi. Motion passed.

Motion to encumber $25 for art masterpiece made by Mellissa Smith. Second by Angela Valencia. Motion passed.

Auction and Talent Show information will be coming out at the beginning of the year. Please make sure to pass this information on to your students so they can mark their calendars. The theme for the auction will be Caddy Shack. We will be collecting classroom baskets and have a silent and live auction at the event. The Talent Show will hold auditions in March and the final show will be in May.

General Housekeeping:

We need to unencumber funds from movie night ($168.02) and from our parking lot signs ($42.89). Motion made by James Cuocci. Second by Marie Lombardi. Motion passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 8, all day, Barro’s DNO

December 17 - January 3, Winter holiday

Next PTO meeting will be December 13 at 4:30pm in the media center and via WebEx.

Motion to adjourn made by Marie Lombardi. Second by Melissa Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.