

General Meeting
Tuesday, October 17
7pm @ Grandpas or via Zoom

Attendees: Stephanie Killian, Jennifer Parker, Dawn Hentze, Jen Havill, Megan Spathis, Stefanie Shefler, Erik Friedman, Faye Rice, Julie Selner, Katie King

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Principal Comments
 - a. **Stefanie Shefler, Lyon Principal:**
 - i. Book Fair this week @ Lyon School on Wednesday and Thursday. Staff will be taking kids to view the books and she will also be doing a ready
 - ii. ELL night on Thursday. Reach out to Stefanie or Erik for more information.
 - iii. Coat drive collection also happening @ Lyon
 - iv. Thank you for the snacks the parents are providing for the staff. And thank you to the PTA for providing dinner for teachers during
 - v. Halloween is on Monday, October 31. Please review the letter that was sent home via email, newsletters and LY newsletter. Parade is at 2pm in the parking lot. Parents can line the perimeter of the parking lot. If it rains, there is no parent parade. Students should bring their costume to school and they will change into it later in the day.
 - b. **Erik Friedman, PR Principal:**
 - i. Thank you to PTA for supplying lunch during conferences. It's always an extra lift to the teachers. We had a strong turnout for the conferences.
 - ii. Information has been sent home about Halloween and please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.
 - iii. Hopefully he will share school improvement plans at the next meeting.
3. Board Reports-
 - a. **President - Stephanie Killian**
 - i. Welcome
 - ii. We are in our last 2 days of community winter wear drive, that will go along with the holiday helper. Stuff the bus event is on Wednesday.
 - iii. We have our food drive going on now at LY/PR. Please drop off any canned goods, coffee, tea, cereal, etc to help stock the Northfield Food Pantry.
 - iv. Holiday helper program will focus mainly on gifts (giftcards for Walmart or Target) since there is the community outerwear drive
 1. Communications sent 10/24-16. Sign-up info through room parents and PTA newsletter
 - v. Save the Date - Saturday March 2 PTA Fundraiser
 - vi. There are still 5 open positions for the PTA this year
 1. Assistant Treasurer, Annual Benefit Chair, Kids Heart Challenge Chair, Character Counts (Food Drive) and International Night Chair - Please see Stephanie if interested.

b. Treasurer - Faye Rice

- i. We need an assistant treasurer to work with Faye. The assistant treasurer will become the treasurer next year when Faye steps down. Please see Faye if interested.
- ii. Membership Drive - at 60% of enrollment last year. This is the main line item of money coming into the PTA for all of our activities. Need to recruit more members. Our goal is 300 members.
 1. Feedback that parents are not sure they're a member or are not sure how to sign up. They may also not be aware that it's an annual membership and doesn't carry over each year.
 - a. Could we do something at the book fair to sign up for the PTA?
- iii. School supply program - If you haven't made your payment for school supplies, please do so. If you're not sure if you have, contact Faye (treasurer).

c. Community Engagement

- i. Megan Spathis - Family Bingo- 2nd annual bingo at Lyon School on Nov. 16 from 5-6, free event for all LY and PR families. It is not drop-off, so you must attend with your child. Tickets open on Nov. 1. Please let us know if you can't make it so others can attend. Pizza will be sold or you can bring your own nut free food. They are looking for volunteers to help with the event. A sign up genius will be coming out soon.

d. Membership Drive

Last year we won a bronze award from the IL PTA for increasing our membership. We would love to see it grow even more!!

e. VP Room Parents- Katie King and Casey Cullen

- i. Feedback has been that PTA is sending too many emails via room moms. Please let your room moms know if you have any ideas about ways to streamline the information