

Call to Order : 8:03pm

Principal's Report – Michelle Makrigiorgos & Jennifer Condra

- Renovation Update : The Monday after Spring Break (April 10th) is the target date to have the playground available for the kids again.
- Targeting July to move into the new two story building. Decisions/selections on furniture are upcoming so they can be ordered/arrive on time.
- Thank you to all who participated and helped coordinate the 5k & Fun Run and the Faculty Volleyball game. It was so enjoyable to see all the families that came out and contributed to that community feel.
- We're coming up on the end of the 3rd Quarter : April 13 will be an early release day and Friday, April 14 will be a teacher workday. Kindergarten Orientation is also April 13th. A little over 50 kindergarteners signed up for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Right now we are in that sweet spot where teacher are able to teach (no testing, full weeks) but SOL (Standards of Learning) assessments are coming up for grades 3 and up during May 8-19. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.

Treasurer's Report – Steve Soliday

- We've received the final AmazonSmile check which closes out that program.
- Skate Night (not all \$\$ were in at the end of February) brought in about \$2,600.
- Sock Hop was a huge success. While they were a little high on expenses, they were higher on income.
- The Azzara Fund (PTA funded program that provides assistance to students in need. These items can include school supply kits, field trip fees, class t-shirts, and extra-curricular activities) has been exhausted. We may want to keep an eye on that to decide if we need to increase it.
- Educational Licenses has also been exhausted. Mini Grants have covered some items in this category also.
- Bottom line - we're where we need to be.

President's Report & Program Announcements – Lynde Herzbach

- **Join the PTA** – different membership levels available; join for this year at the Louise Archer PTA website, which is <https://louisearcherpta.org/>

- **Executive Board Planning and Open Positions for Next Year (2023-24)** – My term as president and April’s vice-president term will end at the end of this year. We have found a volunteer who is interested in serving as the Vice-President.
 - We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in being PTA President in the fall for a two-year term. If you have any questions or may be interested, please feel free to email me (president@louisearcherpta.org)
 - We also have some critical roles that we need shadows for and some that we need to fill before the end of this school year.
 - **Webmaster** – our amazing webmaster Jerry has two more years at Louise Archer so we are looking for a volunteer now who is interested in shadowing Jerry and also helping to transition our PTA website into more user-friendly technology
 - **School Supplies Chair** – we are looking for a new school supplies chair for this coming summer and next year, the school supplies are both a convenient way for parents to get the items teachers specifically request for each grade level and it is a fundraiser for the PTA
 - **Directory Co-chair** – we need a shadow for the directory chair because his last year will be next year. We also have to make a decision regarding the paper directory and the directory servicer so it would be wonderful to have the co-chair involved in those discussions
 - **Reflections Chair** - we need a new chair for the Reflections Committee for next year. Our current chair has generously offered to help transition to a new chair or co-chairs
 - **Odyssey of the Mind Co-chair** – We need a co-chair to shadow the current Odyssey of the Mind co-chair and eventually take over
 - **If you are interested in any of the open positions or would like more information, please feel free to email me (president@louisearcherpta.org) or any one on the executive committee**
- **March Pop-up Party** – The PTA will also host our last pop-up party of the school year this Friday, March 24 for teachers and staff. There will be popcorn and sodas and candy.
- **Dining for Dollars** - Our next event is April 19 at Mama Tigre (from 11 am -9:30 pm)

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- **Louise Archer 2023 Summer Break Sports Camp** – registration is open for the three sessions (session one – June 19-23; session two – June 26-30; and session three – July 31-Aug. 4). Camp starts at 9 am and ends at 2 pm. Rising 1st thru 7th graders can sign up. The camp will be held at the Vienna Adventist Academy Gymnasium (340 Courthouse Rd. SW). There is more information and you can sign up on the PTA website.
- **Save the dates** –
 - Pizza Bingo will be Friday, April 28
 - International Night will be Friday, May 19
- **LAES 5K** – Thank you to everyone who volunteered. And thank you to Hoa Pham who led the organizing efforts and Erin Karney who handled fundraising
 - Total number of registrants: 188
5K Run/Walk (13 & Over): 59
5K Run/Walk (LAES STUDENT): 53
5K Run/Walk (12 & Under): 18
1 Mile Fun Run: 49
Total number of teachers participating: 9
 - For LAES 5k t-shirts, anyone who registered before midnight March 2nd can pick up their t-shirt(s) at Panera Bread this Thursday between 3-4:30 pm or Sunday, between 5-6:30 pm.
 - For participants who registered after the initial deadline or on race day, their t-shirts are expected to arrive around March 31st.
- **Faculty Volleyball Game** – The Faculty volleyball game was last Friday and was a huge success!! The Louise Archer teachers won both games against the Wolftrap Elementary teachers.
 - A huge thank you to Lauren Downs and Lauren Padgett who organized the game, spirit items, concessions, and pizza
- **Yearbook** – The deadline to order Yearbooks is APRIL 14. The Louise Archer yearbook is really special and is put together by dedicated parent volunteers.
 - The yearbook draft will be completed at the end of April or early May - awaiting Lifetouch to see if they can extend date to 5/1 to include Pizza bingo.

- We're always looking for yearbook volunteers and we'll have at least one yearbook chair position open for next year, if you might be interested in volunteering please feel free to contact me or any of the board members.

Mini Grants – Alice Suh

- We had some extra funds in the Mini Grants program so we decided to survey the teachers for their top 3 most needed items. Then, based on that survey, we bought all those specific supplies and placed them in the “supply closet”/temporary staff room table.
- We plan to add more supplies again and keep restocking efforts ongoing.
 - **Note:** Long term game plan for next year is to drop the TAW and do Stock the Fridge and Supply Closet at the end of each quarter, it seems to be more timely for when the teachers need it and we can put all on one SUG

Original Works – Cathy Chen

- Currently running a fundraiser with Original Works, through that program you're students have created artwork in class that can be reproduced onto a variety of products that you can purchase
- Place orders through the website (<https://store.originalworks.com/>) until March 28th
 - All orders placed will be distributed the 3rd week in April
- PTA receives about 1/3 of sales. So far we've raised about \$1k
- If you need help ordering or need your child's code, please reach out to Cathy Chen at jcathychen@gmail.com.

Q&A / Comments : None

Next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, April 19

Call to close : 8:26pm