

**TRAILSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PTA MEETING
Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**I Welcome - Donna Colombo, President. Present: Kathryun Horner (VP), Donna Shomo (Treasurer), Faith McGarrit (Secretary), School reps: Bridget Beichler, Sonja Withrow, Jen Cramer, Kelly Garrity,
Reflections Program award ceremony at 6:00.
Quick meeting tonight to make time for LEA presentation.
All SEAC MSAAC LEAP meetings are posted on website.**

II Written Report Presentation

III Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee will be elected in March. Committee recruits for officers for next school year. At least 3 persons should be on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee term is currently 1 year but the committee may decide to make the term commitments 2 years. Donna C - next year should be easier. Kelly Garrity asked if she and Mary Reilly can serve again on the nominating committee. Donna C. said yes. Nominating committee will recruit from March to April and bring slate to the PTA.

II Treasurer's Report

**A. Update - Presented copy of the Budget (see attached).
Budget does not include After School enrichment program fees for Winter session.**

**B. Scholarship Committee Update - Applications received by deadline yesterday in excess of what is in the budget. Committee will meet on Thursday and decide the status of the application requests. There was a request to change line item from wish lists to Grant / Scholarship Committee to make it clearer.
Next year we'd like to have that committee formed in the beginning of the year to have the funds available earlier.**

Jen Cramer - asked whether the Administration had made any large requests. Bridget Beichler responded that the requests were made by the teachers for in classroom needs. Donna C. asked BB if the admin had been able to purchase any of the items on its wish list and invited Bridget Beichler to provide a list of those items to the PTA for review.

III Committee Updates

A. Highlights - George

- 1. Spirit Night (Fudds) - Thursday night rescheduled.**
- 2. Pancake Breakfast Event - 3/21 Buffalo Wing factory - 8:30-10:30 We need to staff this. 450 tix (\$5 / piece - \$2250 less cost of food etc. \$600) Hope to make about \$1500. Do presale tix. Get word out. Menu: 2 pancakes, 2 sausage, OJ and coffee. Need volunteers. Kids can help bus the tables, serve food, etc. Donna - suggested that Bob W. talk with the FACS teacher about using their students to serve. Sanders Corner Winterfest is on the same day - 3/21. We can work with that date and advertise.**

2. Staff Appreciation Monthly Event Announcement - Mary Gubler and Monica A. Last month tea and cookies. This week the committee is bringing a coffee cart through hallways with biscotti and cookies. Coffee donated by Schmidt's Sunoco. 7/10 slots filled for cookies. Also planned for the next months. Also purchased some gifts for Staff Appreciation Week. We are implementing Staff Appreciation Week 4/27-5/1 the week before the national Staff Appreciation Week.

Jen Cramer - says that the Teachers really appreciate it.

- 3. 6/7 Beach Bash Update - This Friday night. 7-9. Pizza ordered. 40 tickets sold right now. Photo booth in back corner of cafeteria. There will be an attendant with the booth. 2 people managing the line.**

IV Principal's Report - Interims go home on Friday. Bc so much school has been missed, we are scarce on grades. Today we had a school wide assembly "Same Sky". It was very powerful. They are performing a free play on 3/6 at LCHS. Looking at instructional time, time lost between snow delays, we will capture instructional time by not having Compass or pack time. March is longest instructional month of the year. Currently 5 students in National Choir in UTAh. ONLY MS that had that many kids make national. Adds 7 minutes to each class. 5

minutes between bells. Still 30 minutes for lunch. Bell Schedule posted on website.

V Adjourn - at 7:40.

Donna introduced David Palanzi Business and Information Technology for Presentation on Loudoun Education Association.