

# Las Sendas Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2013

Las Sendas Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (“PTO”) met in regular session in the media center at Las Sendas Elementary (“Las Sendas”) 3120 N. Red Mountain Rd., on September 30, 2013. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

## **Introduction/Roll Call:**

Alicia Goforth

Alicia Goforth (President), Jennifer Berkshire (VP Fundraising), Donna Empson (Treasurer), Jennifer Wall (VP Events), Stephanie Drew (VP Communications), Aaron Kaczmarek absent.

## **Approval of August 2013 Minutes:**

Alicia Goforth

Motion to approve August 2013 Minutes as written was made by Pam McConnell and seconded by Dawn Silva. Motion passes.

## **Treasurer’s Report:**

Donna Empson

Donna discussed the fact that we have a larger balance in our accounts, but we expect to make a large purchase for technology at the end of this year. Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report was made by Tami Wilke and seconded by Angie Jackson. Motion passed.

## **Principal’s Report:**

Aaron Kaczmarek

Mr. Kaczmarek was absent from the meeting, therefore, no Principal’s Report was available.

## **New Business:**

### **Fall Book Fair:**

Tami Wilke

Tami Wilke requested to encumber \$500 for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair to be held October 14 – 18 in the Media Center. \$250 is for petty cash, \$250 is for incidentals. Register training for new volunteers is available at 10:30 on Thursday and Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion to encumber \$500 made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Kristi Torbensen. Motion passed.

### **Bingo Night:**

Jennifer Wall

Jennifer Wall announced that Family Bingo Night was a huge success and raised \$1,251.61. A fun time was had by all! The Auction committee raffled off a restaurant gift card basket (all items were donated) that raised \$420 for the Auction. Another \$116 was sold in Spirit Wear.

**Fundraising:**

Jennifer Berkshire

Jennifer Berkshire announced that the Friends & Family Campaign ends October 31<sup>st</sup>. We have raised \$17,350 so far!

Free Money – The top Box Top earning class will get Bernie the Box Top Bear for the month and some treats. The August/September contest winner will earn school supplies for their classroom. The top 3 students for October will win their own pumpkin. Stephanie Drew will create a Box Top Bulletin Board in the PTO Bulletin area to keep everyone informed.

Fresh & Easy closed; in lieu of our Shop Night, Jennifer added a Chili's Dining Out Night in November.

McTeacher Night was a huge success. We earned \$657 from McDonalds and \$986 from tips, face painting and raffles.

Little Caesar's is the next Coyotes Dining Out Night on October 16<sup>th</sup>, all day. Las Sendas receives \$1 for each pizza sold. A question arose about using Barros Pizza for our Dining Out night since they are opening their new store that week; it was discussed that we cannot change the night, because most dining out nights were scheduled over the summer.

**Kids Rock Stars:**

Pam McConnell

Pam McConnell spoke about the Kids Rock Stars program that runs from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 13<sup>th</sup>. Helps get kids active, talk about healthy eating. Kids log miles, get incentives along the way. Pam stated that they have 70 students signed up to participate in grades 3-6. Pam requested to encumber \$1600.00 to fund the program. The item was tabled for this meeting, as the Board had questions for Mr. Kaczmarek and he was not in attendance.

**National Geographic Magazine:**

Dawn Silva

Mrs, Silva requested to encumber \$598.12 to pay for National Geographic magazines for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Motion to encumber funds was made by JoAnn Bondelli and seconded by Nora Brady. Motion passed.

**Professional Development:**

Cain Reagan

Mr. Reagan requested to encumber \$189 to attend the cooperative learning seminar at the Kagan USA Tour in Phoenix on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The seminar focuses on empowering kids to take leadership roles in their school. Motion to encumber funds was made by Annie Brown, seconded by James Cuocci. Motion passed.

**Staff Photos & Drink Pouch Program:**

Annie Brown

Annie Brown requested to encumber \$50.00 to pay for the printing of the staff photos she took for the school and \$50.00 for packing tape and supplies for the drink pouch program. Discussed promoting Arizona Brainfood to our community; Stephanie Drew will do an article for the lspto.org website. Motion to encumber funds was made by Amanda Snow, seconded by Kristi Torbenson. Motion passed.

**Intramural Sports:**

Nora Brady

Nora Brady requested to encumber \$100 to pay for treats for the winners of the intramural sports program. Motion to encumber funds was made by Pam McConnell and seconded by James Cuocci. Motion passed.

**Coyote Campout:**

Jennifer Wall

Jennifer Wall described the new Coyote Campout event to be held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Families can camp overnight at the school, and we will have events sponsored by Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Pancake breakfast in the morning. Brian Christie will provide food from Hot Dogs & More. There was a question about changing the date from Saturday night to Friday night for those who go to church on Sunday. Board will discuss. A question arose about security for the event; this will be discussed by the event committee. Jennifer is requesting to encumber \$3500 for the event. Motion to encumber funds was made by Cain Reagan, seconded by Dawn Silva. There was one opposed. Motion passed.

**Shop Hop:**

Donna Empson

Donna discussed this new event for Las Sendas. It is a combination family dance and holiday shop for children to buy gifts for their families. We have reserved an interactive DJ that will get kids involved. Shop will be in the Media Center. Food and glow items will be for sale. All items purchased for Shop must be returnable so we are not stuck with inventory. Question was asked about Christmas music – committee will discuss. A suggestion was made to try and keep all ages engaged, especially 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Donna requested to encumber \$350 for this event. Motion to encumber was made by Nora Brady, seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

**Las Sendas Annual Auction:**

Angie Sterling

Angie discussed the preliminary plans for the Auction. In the past, we have held the event at the Trailhead. This year, the Golf Club has offered us a great deal - \$1,000 for the venue, buffet for 200 people. If we get beer & wine donated, we get 100% of the proceeds. The theme for this year is “Margaritaville.” Angie requested to

encumber \$4,000 for the Auction. Motion to encumber funds was made by Jo Ann Bondelli, seconded by Nicole Mongiovi. Motion passed.

### **Nissle Photography**

The Board talked about one last fundraiser that is going on from October 14<sup>th</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup>. For \$40, you will receive a gift certificate for a family portrait, 11x14, and a discount on prints. Las Sendas will receive 100% of the \$40.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Angie Jackson, seconded by Dawn Silva.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.**