

Locke PTO meeting – 9/18/25

Attendance

Anthony Garas (Principal)

Amit Gandhi (Vice President)

Katie Malone (Treasurer)

Kelly Swieck (Secretary)

Katelyn Palomaki

Nilofar Shaikh

Vice President

Casa Blanca Billerica- 9/27 3-9pm - Amit will send flyer to everyone

Will work on October event, planning to have a schedule for the next few months and we can post on FB.

Treasurer

Jacqui provided Katie with an estimated budget from 2024-25 and what the actual expenses and revenues were- this was handed out at the meeting. Katie also provided report which included starting balance information for the current and past two years. Starting with \$28,537.76, which is more than double last year.

Purchases have already been made for trinket sales

Ice cream social

Wednesday 11/19 6-7:30pm- last year, Jacqui and Andrea did a lot to organize, do we want to do this again or do we want to use dining services? Katie has docs and may have info from Jacqui and Andrea. Last year, cost was 433.81 to buy everything ourselves. Need to recruit.

Trinkets

Jill has purchased items and may have volunteered to run it (?). 10/28-29 – Kelly to talk to Jill to ask if the dates are okay and if she's running. Time- 10:30-noon. Need volunteers for setup, breakdown, and 3 lunches. Sign up form from last year is in Google drive. Remind volunteers that active CORI form is needed.

Recruiting

We need more people to join and to run events- currently have small number of people

Holiday tree

Theme – game night (board games). Jill made an Amazon wish list last year, reach out to her to make one again this year. Kelly to create a flyer w/Amazon information.

Decorate the tree the week of 11/20. Donations will need to be in by 11/13 (second night of parent-teacher conferences). Katelyn is happy to decorate. Send out flyer by mid-October (add note about monetary donations and gift cards).

Zeffy

Would we be interested in this? Fundraising platform that is no cost. James Luongo at the Kennedy, Megan Hazelton at the Parker.

Flower sales

Talent show (10/27), play (11/15), musical (March?), and graduation- last year these were very successful. Katelyn will do these again. Take pre-orders. Katie will reach out to Zeffy person to see if we can get that up and running beforehand, if not, we will make a Google form and flyer.

Book Fair

Katelyn told Mrs. Graham that she'd help with December book fair. Last year, it was week of 12/16, that seems late. Katelyn will see if we can move it to week of 12/8 so that it isn't as close to holiday break. We have 837.80 in Scholastic dollars that we can spend that will expire on 12/26. We have a total of 957. Also 123 in the 'share the fair' balance. Katelyn will send us a link to the catalog so that we can look at what's available. We can look at teacher appreciation list from last year and consider raffle items for events (ice cream social, etc). Extra points for using some funds during the fair. Could raffle off a gift certificate for the book fair at the Ice Cream Social. Is there a way to get names of students who might benefit from a free book? Discussed ways to be able to facilitate this. Work with the school counselors, provide wish lists to fill out.

Locke gear

Kelly to send flyer to Mr. Garas to include with newsletter

Pasta fundraiser

Jill brought this to the board- shaped pasta (sports/seasonal). Pastabilities. Share a link online, order is shipped directly to the customer. Is this something that is an interest? We will review as a possible fundraiser.

2025-26 Meeting Dates- Wednesday evenings

10/22

11/12

12/17

1/21

2/11 (possible extra mtg for fun run)

3/18

4/15

5/20

6/10