



## LESTER PTA MEETING MINUTES

Time: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Location: Lester Library

Call to Order (Sara Schad): 6:35 pm

Secretary's Report (Jackie Szalanski):

- Motion to approve minutes of [Lester PTA Meeting Minutes 1.15.2025](#) - approved

President's Report (Sara Schad):

- Bylaws Update - PTA community welcome to suggest updates, please send to executive board prior to next meeting
- Kane County Cougars Reading Challenge
  - Saturday, May 17th at 6:30PM (Free Fireworks after the game)
  - Sunday, May 18th at 1:00PM
- End of Year Programs/ Calendar
- Field Trips and Assemblies - every grade (except 4th grade TBD) has been accounted for a PTA-sponsored field trip

Treasurer's Report (Liz Banaszak):

- Please see the February Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual Report
  - [Feb. 25 Budget to Actual.pdf](#)
  - [Feb 2025 Treasurer's Report.pdf](#)

President-Elect (Julia Mazurek):

- 2025-26 Committees - Working on getting committee members for events and clubs that require more planning at end of this school year and over summer so that there is a smooth transition
- Next Steps - Julia and other PTA members will be gathering the new roster of committee heads soon

Membership (Bonnie Glass):

- 4 members since last meeting
- Currently, 200 members (28 Faculty and 172/ Families (~67% of 327 Total Families)
- Increase in state/ national PTA membership, starting next year. Starting next year we will be losing an additional \$1/PTA member as an incurred debt.



#### VP Fundraising Report (Julia Mazurek):

- Winter Fundraiser:
  - Event - Sat. March 22nd @ Moose
    - Ticket Sales (as of Mon 2/17): 148 tix totaling \$8,900 (max tickets a little of 200 tickets)
    - Estimated Expenses - under \$10k budgeted from sponsor revenue.
  - Experiences:
    - All details due to committee by 2/28
    - Approx 25 Experiences being finalized to offer for adults & kids!
    - Egg Hunt - Sat. April 19 at Lester? Lester PTA hosted/funded event? Will need chairs to facilitate. Idea is to nominate two co-chairs to handle logistics of stuffing eggs and arranging Easter Bunny and PTA will assume the expenses of materials using the Fundraiser line item budget.
    - Preview Friday March 14; on sale March 21
  - Raffles & Auctions:
    - Donations will be finalized by 2/28
    - Preview Friday March 14; raffles on sale March 21; auctions open 3/22, close 10pm
- Fun Run - timing company is secured, Hummer Park pavilion will be requested March 3.
  - Event will need new co-chairs confirmed in the spring to begin planning.

#### VP Programs' Report (Angie Erickson):

- Please let me know if you will not be chairing/co-chairing your committee next year.

#### VP Communications Report (Kristen Avery):

- No report

#### Principal's Report (Katie Novosel):

- Science Fair - Our leopards did a wonderful job!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences -Thank you for all of your support
- Therapy Dogs - 4th, 5th, & 6th grade & we will plan to have K-3 in the fall
- Reminder: No School next Friday, February 28- County Wide Institute
- Exceeded our Reading & Math Growth Goals for Reading & Math- NWEA MAP! - Luck Movie (rated G) prize during lunch first week of March
- IAR testing - week of March 17-28
- THANK YOU, PTA for the pizza dinner during conferences!

#### Teachers' Report (Mrs. Winnecke, Mr. H):

- Thank you for the pizza during conferences. 5th grade will be heading to their Tivoli field trip soon. Resource Team will be spending their money soon. One idea to put on future radar is a



sensory room with with potentially PTA funds to fund this resource.

#### Committee Reports:

- Art Awareness - classroom volunteers are still needed for Art Awareness, happening March 10th-21st. Also, after 6 years as chair, it's time for me to step down. I've been working on a "guide" to help with the transition, which includes passwords, protocols, and templates. Please reach out if you're interested! [shawnadysmith@gmail.com](mailto:shawnadysmith@gmail.com) or [artwawareness@lesterpta.com](mailto:artwawareness@lesterpta.com)
- Cultural Fair - we've got the infrastructure in place to keep this event going but really in need of a co-chair next year to make it happen. It's too much for one person to do all on their own but is such a great event so would love for it to keep going.
- Dine Outs - March: Alter Brewing on St. Patrick's Day (?) - currently booked, will potentially be going forward after determining logistics
- The Book Fair - We had another successful Book Fair, getting so many books into the hands of students and the classrooms of teachers. We've really been able to dial in a solid formula on schedule and volunteer numbers, it ran like a well oiled machine. Katie and Sydney are coming back as co-chairs for the 2026 book fair (February 9-13), but are looking for someone to shadow Sydney as next year will be her last year at Lester. Katie handles all of the finances/money while Sydney handles the volunteers and scheduling. There is some pre- and post-book fair work that goes into coordinating with ABC and getting books delivered to classrooms, but the bulk of the co-chair work is during book fair week. Feel free to reach out to [springbookfair@lesterpta.com](mailto:springbookfair@lesterpta.com) if you have any questions about the role/would like to express interest.
- Family Reading Night - April 11th at Herrick.
- Fit Boys - Need co-chairs for 2025-2026
- Fun Lunch - Stay tuned for the last ordering cycle of this school year! Fun Lunch will need a co-chair next year. Lisa is happy to keep her part, but at the very least, we need someone to be onsite each week and manage the volunteers.
- Fun Run - Need co-chairs for 2025-2026
- Hospitality - Both vacant roles next year.
  - Teacher Conferences - PTA provided pizza dinner for Fall P/T conferences. Need co-chairs for 2025-2026.
  - Teacher Appreciation Week - Teacher Appreciation Week will run May 5-9th this year. Planning is underway and a group of volunteers have graciously offered their services to help pull it together. If anyone else is interested in lending a hand and meeting up in the next few weeks to get things rolling, or if you are part of or know of a business that is in a position to donate items, services, or monetary donations to the cause - email [heatherklausa@gmail.com](mailto:heatherklausa@gmail.com). It's going to be a fun group to work with and a fun week to plan and host.



If someone else wants to take the lead next year, feel free!

- Reading Games - Reading games is this Saturday.
- Reflections - We had 3 Lester students advance to the State level this year!
- Room Parent Coordinator/Class Ambassador - Spring party emails will go out next week
- School Supplies - We have gotten quotes and are going to order through EPI again this year. We're reviewing the items one last time for accuracy and will then sign and discuss order/delivery dates. Possibly consider adding a question to the next PTA survey about ordering through School Tool Box (who Herrick uses)?
- Science Olympiad - March 11th at Lester. Registration closes this Friday. Currently at 101 participants.
- Sixth Grade Party - Theme is "Star of the Show"
- Spirit Wear - Looking for 2 additional committee members.
- Special Person Events - Each Lester student can choose to attend one event with a VIP adult.
  - Dance - scheduled for 5/16 at Herrick Middle School Cafeteria, theme will be Sock Hop
  - Kickball Event - scheduled for 5/9 at Lester. More to come! This will be our last year as co-chairs.
- Variety Show - Thanks to all for your support putting on an awesome show! We had over 50 kids on stage and they all did an amazing job. The video has been uploaded to Facebook if anyone missed it. If there is any interest in being more involved next year - reach out to Angi or Julie for more details!
- Winter Fundraiser - Raffle/auction committee is hard at work collecting donations from local businesses. Some exciting items coming! Classrooms should have received a message from room parents regarding grade level baskets. These are always a big seller so we appreciate your participation!

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#### Unfinished Business:

- No unfinished business.



#### New Business:

- Discussion to subsidize or pay in full for all students' yearbooks and/or to add an all-school lunch.
  - Can subsidize or pay in full.
  - Will vote on adding a \$8000 line item to be spent on yearbooks at the discretion of the PTA at emergency March PTA meeting via Zoom, more information to come on March PTA meeting details
- Nominations Committee: 2025-26 PTA Board Nominations - committee update, Nominations Committee established (Julia Mazurek, Jen Shea, Maggie Calder); plan is to present one nominee per position at the April meeting to be voted on at May meeting; please reach out to Nominations or executive board with any questions or interest in assuming a role for next term.
- Open Roles - [Overview of Roles & Responsibilities](#):
  - President Elect
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - VPs - Membership, Communications, Programs, Fundraising

Meeting adjourned at: 7:58 PM

**Join us for the next PTA Meeting on April 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm.**

Please visit the Lester PTA website:

<http://www.lesterpta.com>

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Last week of school - end-of-year assembly