

LEONARDO DA VINCI



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

# NEWSLETTER

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June

5<sup>th</sup> : Panera Fundraiser 4-8pm

10<sup>th</sup>: End of Year School Carnival

17<sup>th</sup>: Apparel Sale During Placement Testing

## PTO Board Update

At the May 14<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting, Helen Vande Hei was voted in as the new PTO Board Treasurer effective June 11<sup>th</sup>. Helen will be completing the current term of Phuong Hudson, who will be the new Vice President of the PTO. Mary Rupp will be the new board President and Lisa Hansen will remain as Secretary.

It was also announced during the meeting that Tiffany Bowles will be stepping down as a member of the Board of Directors. This is a voting position and has a two year term. Please contact any PTO Officer if you have questions regarding this position. If you are interested in this position, please submit all bios to [ldavincipto@gmail.com](mailto:ldavincipto@gmail.com).

## Back to School Event

The Back to School Event will be on August 27<sup>th</sup>! The PTO Family Event with Food Trucks will be from 5-7pm. Stay tuned for more information to follow!



## CURRENT PTO OFFICERS

President- Marisa Hanson

Vice President- Mary Rupp

Treasurer- Phuong Hudson

Secretary- Lisa Hansen







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### **Easy Fundraising with the da Vinci PTO**

The PTO has several easy ways to help generate funds for the events and projects that we sponsor throughout the year. Our students and teachers and staff work so hard all year, and we are thrilled when we can make things a little easier for all them. Check out our [fundraising webpage](#) and look at some of the easy options we have to add money to our budget.

In addition, we would like to highlight our scrip program. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers gift cards for over 300 stores and brands. You simply buy a gift card for a purchase you were going to make anyway, and a percentage of the gift card face value is donated to the PTO. You can order the cards [online](#) using our enrollment code (BC37E41C36926) or submit a paper order form to the office ([page 1](#) and [page 2](#)).

Also, don't forget about the always popular Popcorn Tuesdays. Popcorn cards can be purchased from JoAnn Metzler in the school office for \$2.50. Correct change is appreciated. This is an easy and delicious way to support the PTO and to treat your kids.

Many employers offer a match program when their employee chooses to donate towards a non-profit. If you're interested in donating towards the LdV PTO, which uses the funds to support our students, staff and school, please consider discussing this option with your Human Resource Department.

### **Classroom Wishes Granted**

A new initiative has been launched entitled "Classroom Wishes Granted". The idea came about as an extension of the holiday giving tree concept. Teachers will submit to the PTO Board material goods and services they might be "wishing" for in their classrooms. It is our hope to connect teacher needs with parent generosity in order to further enhance our terrific school! Please check out the link below for ways that you can help grant wishes!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4ca8ae2ca6fc1-granting>



### **PTO Connect**

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their information to the PTO Connect. Don't forget, teachers will not distribute a class list, so the PTO Connect is the best way to get in touch with classmates and families. If you haven't included your information yet, use the link below to get connected with the great community at Leonardo da Vinci! Please note, if you have submitted your information in previous years, it is carried forward into the new year. However, if you have a new student at da Vinci, (including younger siblings new to the school) please consider adding your information.

***The PTO link is only shared with parents who submit their information. It is never posted anywhere public.***

**[Click here to add your information to the PTO Connect](#)**

Check out our website! [Leonardo da Vinci Website](#)  
"Like" us on Facebook! [Leonardo da Vinci Facebook Page](#)  
[IdaVincipto@gmail.com](mailto:IdaVincipto@gmail.com)

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply and request to be removed from the list

## Leonardo da Vinci School PTO Meeting Minutes

May 14th, 2019

### Attendance-

Marisa Hanson, Mary Rupp, Phuong Hudson, Lisa Hansen, Katie Houle, Allison Hockers, Tammy Van Dyke, Jann Larson, Angela Whipp, Sue Soleski, Hind Gautam, Lindsay Sandahl, Lisa Knuth, Angela Whipp, Bueki Ansa-Out, Tracy Guiou, Leslie Vogel, Helen Vande Hei

**Call to order-** Marisa Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**President** – Marisa Hanson confirmed that she would be stepping down as President of the PTO Board due to her family's decision to attend school in their home district. The PTO by-laws were discussed and it was stated that a vote would occur later in the meeting to fill the PTO Board Treasurer position.

**Vice President Report-**Mary Rupp reviewed future fundraising plans and other PTO activities.

- The Chipotle fundraiser went well. However, in the future we will request a day other than a Monday, if possible.
- Panera Bread-Oneida St will have our second fundraiser on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. Please show flier in order for us to receive the donation from the restaurant.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trivia Night will be held on Thursday, 2/20/20!

**Treasurer Report-** Checking account balance of \$13,710.56 and savings account balance of \$18,104.03. Total balance of \$31,814.59.

- The final Trivia Night numbers have been calculated. Total revenue was \$10,244, total expenses were \$2172 and there was a net profit of \$8062. Registrations made up 36% of the revenue, Live Auction 34%, Games/Raffles were 22% and Sponsorship was 7%.
- In terms of financial transparency, it was explained that all PTO expenditures could be found on the PTO website under the financial section in the Treasurer's Report . Any questions regarding the PTO finances can be directed to the board.
- School Apparel sales during the Spring Concert brought in \$637.
- Sue Soleski gave details regarding the costs of the End of the Year Carnival. There will be many craft opportunities, concessions and other fun activities. A bounce house will be rented and the owner has generously donated the use of the generator. Students will use their Leader Loot in order to participate in activities and purchase concessions. The PTO approved the fund request of \$1488.36.

**Staff Representative Report-**Allison Hockers reported that the faculty and staff very much appreciated this year's teacher appreciation activities. She also reported that the final total for this year's Pi Day Race was \$21,000, which brings the total funds raised to \$83,000.

Lisa Knuth reported that 40 Kwik Trip cards were purchased as gifts for Teacher Appreciation Week. The majority of the Holiday Scrip has been used, Lisa will be following up on the Scrip money that has not been used.

**Board Member and Chair Positions-**Updates were given regarding the open Board and Chair Positions

- Helen Vande Hei submitted her bio for the open Treasurer position for the PTO Board. Her nomination was approved and the Board moved to confirm her election. Helen will be begin on 6/11/19. She will be finishing out the current Treasurer's term as stated in the by-laws.

- Hind Gautam has been confirmed as the new Fundraising Chair. She will also be co-chairing the Marcus Theater fundraiser with Leslie Vogel.
- Katie Houle has expressed interest as the Apparel co-chair with Margarita Johnson. She will meet with the PTO Board and Margarita to see if it's a good fit.
- A committee will be formed for Trivia Night. Heather Stefaniak will continue to be the chair.
- Tiffany Bowles will be stepping down as PTO Board Member. This position does have voting privileges. Parents will be asked to submit their bios over summer break.

**New Business**-The committee reminded the group that all ideas for future meetings are welcomed. If parents do not feel comfortable talking during meetings, they're most welcome to email the PTO Board.

The possibility of apparel sales being strictly online is being discussed and reviewed. The main purpose of the apparel sales is to increase and encourage school spirit. However, it is a very labor intensive program and could be streamlined by focusing on online sales. We are currently looking to liquidate current in stock items and move solely to online sales. A Sign Up Genius will be sent out for an apparel booth sale during placement testing on 6/17/19.

### **Open Table Discussion**

The remainder of the meeting was an open forum. Various ideas regarding apparel were discussed such as new products and options to purchase higher end products. A survey will be sent out asking families and students if they would be interested in researching pricing for high quality items.

It was suggested that the PTO sell DVDs of school performances. However, this is not possible due to privacy restrictions.

Chess Club continues to go well. Various options are being looked into in order to provide more hands on teaching to the chess club members.

### **Next Meeting**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.**

