

Meriwether Lewis PTO
Conference Call Meeting – February 27, 2014

Present on the call: Laura Steenburgh, Kristina Parker, Helen Boyd, Dana Quist, Holly Stancil, Laurel Geis, Joanne Rome, Deb Parmelee.

The regular February PTO meeting was cancelled due to a conflict with the Board of Supervisors meeting. A conference call meeting on an abbreviated agenda was held instead.

Discussion of Deb's expense request for \$750 to assist with cost of 5th grade field trip to DC via Amtrak – during the discussion the following points were raised:

- Parents usually fund transportation for field trips – this could open the door to other similar requests.
- The PTO has funded field trips before
- A lot of work goes into PTO fundraising – is that work worth just giving parents a \$10 coupon towards a field trip?
- The PTO has the money to fund this request. Although field trips are low on our priority list, we have the money and no other priorities that are currently unfunded.
- This trip will benefit the entire 5th grade, and those families have given a lot to MLS over the years.
- A \$10 discount could actually make a difference to some families financially.
- The funding could come from cultural programs and assemblies, grade level support, or general bucket.

Deb made a motion to fund the trip. The votes were emailed to Joanne, and the motion was passed unanimously to fund the request of \$750 from grade level support bucket.

Joanne – move to approve ER for 3rd grade for solar tubes – approved by all over the phone – \$63.75 will go to the 3rd grade for purchase of 4 solar tubes.

Helen - volunteer of the month - nominate Peggy Williams for February - approved over the phone - unanimous.