Lake Ridge Academy Parents Association
November 18 Meeting Minutes
CRC Quiet Study

In attendance in person - Caitlin Siebenaller,, Barb Ridel, Jane Lacoste, Erin Currie, Ashley Doolos, Julia Sertich, Taryn McPherson, Kim Ding, Rachel Forthofer, Mitch White, Megan Zahler, Linda Kozler, Kate Dake, Nicole Long, Brittney Alegant, Sarah Ciccarello, Erika Cann, Julie Huck

ZOOM - Vanessa Delgado, Will Fitch, Liz Teagno, Nathan DeLong, Lauren Givan, Dawn Wells

President - Ashley Doolos,
Vice President - Kim Ding
Secretary - Julia Sertich
Treasurer- Rachel Forthofer
Former President - Kate Dake

1. Welcome / Call to order 8:33 am
   Last meeting of 2025! No meeting in December, see you in January
2. Introductions
3. Approval of October meeting minutes

Motion to approve- Kim Ding, Second Taryn McPherson. Unanimous approval

4. Review of Financials - need to delay because we are waiting on the October bank statement from business office. Mitch will dig into that for us
5. Conference Meals (during conferences in October)
   - Thank you to all who donated items or time to help feed our faculty last month during fall conferences. They enjoyed dinner from Sorrentos and many, many tasty desserts supplied by our great parents!
   → Missing cupcake container? We have one left behind! Will post to FB page also, let us know if it's yours!
   Another meal will be provided in February for those conferences (more grab n go style, used Jimmy John's in the past, so they can be casual and eat in rooms)
6. Gala Event
   - Thank you all who helped procure items, attended meetings and workdays, bid in the silent auction, and attended the event!
   Package pick up is W - F this week (sending messaging out to winners)
   Huge success, excited about next year, have a lot of great ideas for next year
   Volunteers are always needed, will debrief and start over again in January!
   Black and white photos were available at gala and will be available afterwards. (Communication coming about how to get them in the next few weeks)
   Proceeds are our GFTH contribution
   Seeking a CO CHAIR for next year (Erika will be co-chair, needs a buddy)
   Social component allowed folks to chat, and financially, we were able to raise more than $525,000 from GFTH, plus about $50,000 net (preliminary numbers, per Kate)
   Due to GFTH, we will be able to match the 403b for faculty and staff starting in January! (Mitch announced that to faculty and staff yesterday)
7. Black/white photos

- We hope you all had an opportunity to purchase your child(ren)'s photos the night of the event. They turned out great!
- Other opportunities to purchase photos TBD (see above, per Kate)
- Amount raised from profits from Gala > $2500

8. Holiday Craft Workshop (lower school)
- Ordering is Live! Email will go out to LS this week with details about it and how to order / tutorial. Will include SUG for helping set up and day of event
- Setup on 12/15: SUG will be posted this week on the PA FB page
- Event on 12/16: website for ordering is live!
- Crafts set-up in LS for viewing this week

9. Cookie Boxes
- The PA provides a box of goodies for each faculty and staff member at LRA the week prior to winter break.
- Cookie sign-up will be available following Thanksgiving break
- Volunteer sign-ups are available following Thanksgiving break

10. Division Coordinator updates

UPPER SCHOOL - Kate pinch hitting for Nyree. Doing a friendsgiving lunch Thursday - turkey catering, bringing sides. Extra long lunch, eat in Bettcher

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Julie. Working w Mr. Unger for holiday project wrapping day breakfast

LOWER SCHOOL - Erin - Lacee stepped down as co-coordinator. Thanks to grade parents for helping out. Holiday gifts are optional, but grade parents are reaching out about group gifts for each grade. Royals Resource team is up and running. Wed and Fri mornings via SUG.

If anyone is interested in being LS Coordinator next year, let us know so you can shadow Erin next semester and get ready to step in. Will be split PreK - 2 and 3-5 next year

Erin asked Megan if we can use Powered by Us to explain holiday traditions to new folks (can wars, walmart trip in MS, etc)

Linda noted that division heads are going to explain things in their emails also

11. Next Meeting January 13th @ 8:30am in CRC - not meeting in December

12. Questions, concerns, comments?