

Date: January 19, 2011

Location: Valhalla Commons

Meeting began 6:40

Meeting adjourned: 7:38pm

Next General Meeting:

Date: February 16, 2011

Location: Valhalla Commons

Time: 7:40 pm

Attendees:

Larry and Aliza Hauser, Monty Potter, Jack and Vicki Chandler, Kim Meschter, Pat Lawson, Renee King, Gretchen Battis, Hailey Henak, Dana Cole, Sue McIntyre, Jaleane Moore, Rachel Jorren, Colin Nelson

Welcome

- Monty welcomed all in attendance and parents, teachers and board members introduced themselves.

Coming Events and Updates from Mr. Nelson (Assistant Principal):

Math Night

- Date: 1/25/11 – Pirate Theme with math games to ‘make and take’, a play with audience participation and great math prizes!
- Time: 6:00 – 7:30

Middle School Showcase

- Location: Federal Way Aquatic Center
- Date: 1/27/11
- Time 6:30 – 8 pm
- Students entering middle school have many academic programs available for them after grade school. Students and parents who attend will have the opportunity to learn about these options. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

Behavior Matrix:

- Mr. Nelson has been reviewing the existing Valhalla rules. He led a discussion with teachers, staff and the student council to set expectations for the school. Separate expectations were made into a metric as well for the playground and other areas in and around the school. These expectations are displayed in the gym and around the school. With these in place, even more effective guidelines for disciplinary action are now set within the school.

Student Council Interviews

- Members of the student council were present to discuss their roles and what events & programs are happening. Members who shared the latest news included: Allison McIntyre (Treasurer), Sydney Wilson-Leavell, (Activities Coordinator), Alexis Maxey (Photographer), Colin Chandler, (Activities Coordinator), Joseph Cordi (Secretary), Max Rodgers (Activities Coordinator)
- Spirit Day: To show school spirit the students were allowed to wear sports jerseys. Half of the school participated.
- Next skating party is Feb. 11 at Pattison’s West.

November Minutes

- The notes for the November general PTA meeting were circulated during the meeting for review.
- Motion was made and carried at the end of the meeting to approve the minutes.

Financial and Budget report: Jaleane Moore.

- **December Financial Review**

- Our ending balance this month is \$23,565.89
- Due to the success of Walk-A-Thon, the PTA is able to help purchase additional requests. Purchases that are \$500 or more, involve submitting a request to the PTA and will be voted on at a general PTA meeting. At this time we will appropriate up to \$4000 for requests.
- The budget will be adjusted to reflect our current financial situation. The original budget was conservative as we could not predict the success of our fall walk-a-thon fundraiser. Jaleane Moore will set up meeting to review and adjust the budget.
- A motion was made to approve the financials for December and passed.

Money Requests for Special Items

- Soccer Goals: Total: \$1397.22 shipping (inc. tax)
 - Mr. T (Nelson) made a request for soccer goals for the field. He is organizing a spring soccer program and the goals would be used for this as well as during school hours. Approximately 75 students have shown interest in this program, which would allow for the program to run three nights a week with 25 students per evening. This is in addition to use during the school day by all of the students.
 - A local company who makes the goals helped locate goals that are well made and at the right price for Valhalla. The goals are 6 ½' by 12' and will be anchored down for safety and can easily be relocated. Volunteers will be available to help set up the equipment.
 - Michelle Cordi, recess teacher, supports this purchase because she feels they are important to the students. They can help reduce congestion on the playground by spreading out the students and their activities.
 - Soccer balls and other equipment have already been purchased by Valhalla. Nets can also be replaced if damaged.
- E-Books: Total: \$1088.
 - The requested funds were for 74 E-Books. 52 state books (2009) and 15 country books
 - The states and country books are from the 1970's and many of the non-fiction books are out of date as well.
 - Teacher will be able to print out pages from these books for their students, so the cost of copies must be considered. Students will also be able to access these books from any school computer as well as computers outside the network. There are 100 licenses so many students can view them at the same time.
 - Accessibility to the e-books was a question: will students without internet access have a disadvantage? The school will be monitoring the use of these books throughout the year and then do an analysis to determine where they are access the most (in school or out of school).
 - These books will help supplement the K-2 science and math program.
 - The average price per book is between \$11 and 423. Scholastic supplied Valhalla with 50 books for \$2018, which helps validate this purchase.
- Performing Arts/Equipment Requests:
 - * There are a number of pieces of equipment that will benefit the arts and music program as well as the entire school that were not included in the building and furnishing of our new school. (Possible projects for the future include: adding speakers in the Commons to address the inability to hear well when there is a crowd of people. / Adding condenser mikes for students to use when performing. stage platforms, etc.) A list is being compiled of these items and hopefully PTA can assist as able. It was pointed out

the choral risers we received with the new building are great additions (quality and portable-wise) and we are looking forward to receiving two pieces of stage platforms. It's important what we purchase is of quality, will last a long time and fit the needs of our building setup. Other items can be viewed as long-term goals and possibly added to future budgeting.

- Spot light: Approximate Total: \$1159
 - This is a great addition for the school and can be used for multiple programs and activities throughout the school. Selling points are its portability and ability to be used by our students after proper training.

- Drapery/Guard rail truck: Approx. \$1250

This will hang the drapery covering for the portable staging when not needed and can double as a back safety guardrail for the stage platform.

*Motions were made and passed to purchase: Soccer goals, e-Books and Spotlight at this time.

- Requests that were granted total approx. \$3700
- Table other items until next time or after revised budget.

Special Consideration

- Ms. Cole (1/2 teacher) mentioned there is a student with an illness in our school that makes it a financial challenge for the family. Providing an I-pod while the student goes through chemotherapy would be of benefit to the student/family. Would this be something PTA could support? (\$150)
There was discussion about the best way to handle such a situation (as in individual family assistance) respect privacy. – Jaleane has some question as to the record keeping for this type of request from the treasurers point of view. It was also mentioned we could Take a closer look at line items already in place in our budget
- At this time it was decided individual donations can be made to help support this request.
- This can be followed up with discussion at the next board meeting.

Showare Event Recap

- The first event raised \$625 making it a successful endeavor. Melanie Miles is our 'team captain' and did a great job making sure all went smoothly. The PTA receives 15% of the sales for each event.
- There were 9 volunteers and we are looking for others to become certified (we currently have 11) so they can participate. We need to reach out to the Valhalla community to see if parents or family members have their certificates. A mixologist license (5 years) and a food handler's license (2 years) are required to participate. (Perhaps we could look into holding some classes at Valhalla for adults in the future)
- For more information about the Food Handlers Permit and Class 12 Mixologist see below. <http://valhallapta.com/FormsandDocuments.aspx>
- Safeco field would be a great opportunity, but you must commit to 10 events, which is why will need more volunteers.
- Next event at Showare is 1/21/11.

Pancake Breakfast/ Holiday Shop Recap

- There were approximately 200 people in attendance.

- \$180 custodial fee was paid by PTA. We were also able to add sausage this year to the menu due to the support of the Rotary Club of Federal Way who co-sponsored the event and purchased all of the other food/paper goods, etc. for the breakfast as well as provided volunteers
- Continental Mills and Costco provided donations again for the second year.

Bingo Night

- Larry Hauser provided an overview for Bingo night and expressed the need for volunteers for set up, concessions; prize table, selling raffle and bingo tickets. He will also be setting up a committee to help run the event, because he will be out of town the week prior and will need a co-chair to handle communication during that time.
- Volunteers at this time: Rachel Jorren, Michelle Cordi, Jack Chandler, Aliza Hauser, Monty Potter
- Concessions; Michelle Cordi suggested selling hot dogs. We also discussed selling popcorn, cake or other desserts. Larry and Michelle will discuss these ideas further.

Movie Night

- The next movie night is scheduled for 2/18, which is a week before bingo. It was suggested that it be moved to 2/4 or 2/11. Monty will check with Pam Kocha and the school calendar.

Next General Meeting

- Date: February 16, 2011 (The board meeting is one week earlier on Wed., Feb. 9 @ 6:30)
- Location: Valhalla Commons
- Time: 6:30 pm

Other:**Garage Sale:**

- Date: Sat. May 14. The goal is to continue the success of last year's sale.
- Sue McIntyre, spoke on behalf of Claire Wilson. She is looking for volunteers and donations.
- The families from Camelot Square will be providing food.

Book fair: Aliza Hauser

- Date: March 18-23
- Theme: Carnival and is looking for a movie for opening night. She is looking for other opening night ideas such as a clown, face painter, balloon artist.
- The book fair will not be a pogo
- 3.18.11 is an in-service day, so the movie night will be moved to 3/17. Aliza is looking to see if we can extend the fair 1-2 days. Aliza will have to verify this.
- Student held conferences are 3/24 – 25, so Aliza will look into extending the fair 1-3 days.
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Carnival: Rachel Jorren

- Rachel's daughter may be able to work with tattoos and Aliza volunteered as a face painter.
- Volunteers and donations will be needed for the event.

Submitted by:
Larry Hauser
Secretary

Approved:

Vickie Chandler
Co-Chair
Monty Potter
Co-Chair