

Date: January 14, 2010
Location: Valhalla Commons
Meeting began: 6:35 pm
Meeting adjourned: 7:43

Next General Meeting:

Special Meeting to be held February 19, 2010 at 6:15 pm in the Valhalla Commons to present the slate of officers for 2010/2011.

Next General meeting will be March 9, 2010 at Valhalla at 6:30 pm – we will elect 2010/2011 officers.

Attendees:

Sue Tamayo, Monty Potter, Jaleane Moore, Stephanie Nguyen, Larry Hauser, Marie Verhaar, Joanne Landis, Marina Petrik, Jack Chandler, Vicki Chandler, Michelle Cordi, Ruby Mejias, Steve and Jenny Homfeldt, Sarah Szczephanski, Claire Wilson, Maricela Chavez, Tanaya Meagher, Terra Sichel, Tracy Guffee, Mary Neumann

Childcare Providers – Ella Tamayo, Jordan Kasube

Welcome

- Sue began meeting by reviewing the agenda

New Business

- Meeting notes from 11.2.09 (on the website at www.valhallapta.com) were reviewed and a motion was passed to approve them.

Financials

- Jaleane Moore, Co-Treasurer, reviewed financial statements
- PTA is \$5800 under budget and should make at least this amount during the remaining winter and spring fundraisers.
- Wreath fundraiser made \$150 and will be allocated with fall fundraiser.
- Custodial charge of \$144 (\$36 per hour for 4 hours) for pancake breakfast since it was on the weekend.
- Motion to approve budget passed.

Election committee

- Steve and Jenny Homfeldt, Tanaya Meagher were elected to serve on our nominating committee.
- Committee findings will be announced 15 min. prior to the start of bingo night in a special general membership meeting.

Officer election guidelines

- New board must be elected by April 30, 2010
- We need to have nominations approved by the general membership at least 15 days before elections will be held, which is why the slate of officers will be presented prior to Bingo night with officers being elected at the March general meeting.

Fundraising

- The current PTA budget as set means our remaining fundraisers need to bring in approx. \$5800.
- This allows this year's budget to fully fund activities as planned.
- It is important to have volunteers take ownership in specific fundraising events, especially folks who are unable to attend general meeting by communicating with the board of your participation.
- Information is being distributed through newsletter/email and our website:
- Valhallapta.com (which can now be instantly translated in Spanish!) is a great resource for the latest info. on PTA happenings
- Ideas discussed include:

- Concessions:

Some of our members have received food handlers and mixologist licenses and we need to take advantage of this. (We still need more members to take the classes.) Perhaps some other parents have permits and would be willing to help.

Showare Center: It is booked for the remainder of the year. We are looking in to signing up early for next year. PTA receives 30% of sales.

*Cheney Stadium (Tacoma Rainiers) Monty to follow up to see if there are any events available for 2010 school year.

*Sounders (quest field) may also be an option

- *Local food handler's class:

Claire Wilson has connections through work and maybe able to host a class at Valhalla Monty Potter will take charge of coordinating this

- T-shirt Sales

Chair: Tanaya Meagher

Marie mentioned that Heather Anderson may be interested in helping

*A Valhalla Voyager slogan contest can be held. Students can enter their slogan and the winning slogan would be printed on the shirts, which can be sold for \$5.

*Shirts could possibly be in bright colors that reflect the school (ex: purple and green).

*Volunteers to judge will be needed

*Donations would be collected for families who could not afford shirts.

*Event can be tied in with the grand opening (date?) and shirts can be sold the community or even at the carnival.

*Tanaya has a connection with a local screen printer who would charge \$2.5 for a high quality t-shirt. \$1.5 for a lower quality shirt.

*Supplier would create artwork and waive setup fee.

*Pillars of character shirts will be a fundraiser for this?/next year.

- Cultural Cookbook

- Organizers: Michelle Cordi and Stephanie Nguyen

- Tanaya's thoughts... Students bring in family recipes which would could be bound in a cook book and they could be sold for \$5-10

- Can be organized/divided by grade and students could bring also bring in their own recipes

- Entire recipe can be translated or perhaps an index with translations for common ingredients

- Books could be bound using similar method as PTA calendar

- Build a Voyager Ship!
- PTA would solicit donations, which would be applied to a pre-determined event (ex: Save the Carnival!)
- When someone donated they would be help build the ship piece by piece.
Ex. Once the goal was achieved the ship would be complete.
Other variations: Fill the pond or treasure chest
Could target families who work for companies that match donations such as Boeing or Blue Shield
- Money could be used to help support school mural, though it would be difficult to complete by the grand opening
Rotary was interested in helping support the mural
1% of Construction budget must be used for art

- Garage sale
- School leadership team to Chair?
- Marina Petrik will help out if schedule does not conflict. She also volunteered space in her garage to store boxed items.
- Solicit donations from friends and families
Recycled books and school uniforms would also be accepted
- Merchandise cannot be stored at school, so an alternative location will have to be researched.

Leftover merchandise would have to be dealt with. It could all be donated to local charity or Goodwill.

- Renting tables to individuals who wanted to sell their own goods was brought up. Thought was more money could be raised if PTA sold merchandise

- Quick fundraisers
- See's Candy and possible cookie dough for a later date

- Valentine See's Candy fundraiser (running Jan. 22-29)
- Chairs: Sue Tamayo, Jaleane Moore and Terra Sichel
- \$5 items sell well and it is easier to deal with because they can be ordered individually versus buying a case of candy.
- Profit may vary from 40 – 50% depending on the type candy purchased.
- Will not conflict with student council candy valentine candy grams, which begins in Feb.

- Easter See's Candy fundraiser
- Chair: Sue Tamayo, Jaleane Moore and Terra Sichel

- Cookie dough
- Stephanie to contact cookie sales to see if we could have another fundraiser

- Card Party
- Card making event held at Valhalla.
- Fundraiser for next year?

- Jamba Juice
 - Sell drinks at events like carnival
 - Drink cards can also be sold where a % of sales will go to Valhalla
 - Monty is following up on this
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- Bingo Night
 - Chairs: Sue Tamayo and Larry Hauser
 - Prize coordinator: Tanya
She will be looking for donations for prizes: games, puzzles, crafts, etc...
 - Raffle Coordinator: Mary Neumann
Vickie Chandler has received donations from various businesses, which can be used for the raffle.
Larry received donations from some of the vendors from the Holiday Shop
 - Concessions coordinator needed
 - Bingo night had been associated with the sock and underwear drive for the clothing bank. This was not planned for this year but it still may be a possibility.
 - Callers will be needed. English and Spanish callers would be a good idea.
 - Could ask superintendent to be a guest caller

Volunteering

- Clothing bank will be open in February and they are looking for volunteers to help on 1.23.

Principal Address

- Principal Notes from Ms. Verhaar:
- Construction is almost complete. Working to fix leaks and acoustical panels
- What every parent wants to know/ continental breakfast on 1.21 at 9am
- Jan. 29 is a regular school day for students and teachers, and is the last make-up day due to the construction delay at the very beginning of school.

Submitted by:

Larry Hauser
Co-Secretary

Approved:

Monty Potter
Co-Chair
Sue Tamayo
Co-Chair