

Date: 11.05.09

Location: Valhalla Library

Meeting began: 4:00 pm

Meeting adjourned: 4:41

Next General Meeting:

01.20.09

Location: Valhalla

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees:

Myra Aho, Suzanne Tamayo, Hai Nguyen, Sarah Szczepanski, Monty Potter, Dana Cole, Jaleane Moore, Mary Dleumann, Carlyn Draeger, Stephanie Nguyen, Jani Borchers, Marjorie Monson, Marina Petrik, Terra Sichel, Melanie Miles, Gretchen Battis, Marie Verharr, Joanne Landis, Jenny Homfeldt, Donelle Chandler

Childcare Providers – Peyton and Ella Tamayo. A movie was shown to over ten children in Ms. Escalera's room.

Welcome

- Valhalla will honor Veterans at two recognition assemblies on Fri., Nov 13 in the afternoon. The school is pleased to have Mr. Ken Borchers, Veteran and Valhalla parent in charge.
- Tanaya Meaghers has volunteered to be Newsletter Editor!
- Suzanne Tamayo was elected Co-Chair.

New Business

Financials

- Jaleane Moore, Co-Treasurer, reviewed financial statements.
- Following VLH PTA tradition, \$5000.00 will be kept in the budget to carry over as a rainy day reserve.
- There was a loss of \$3,000.00 in our fundraisers in 2009 school year due to lower profits than projected. It was thought the economic times may have played a role in this.
- This year's fall fundraiser brought in ~15,000.
- The goal for fundraisers for the rest of the school year is set for a minimum of \$15,000, which will allow all programs to continue as planned.

Principal Welcome (Marie Verhaar)

- Parents were invited to math night on Tuesday, November 11 @ 6:30.
- There is no school on Wednesday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.
- The other parking lot has not been finished because the soil is not firm enough. Concrete will be mixed with the soil and the parking lot should be finished by next week.
- On November 23 the big toy mat will be laid in place. Around the first of December the big toy will be in and ready for the students to play on.

Committee Reports

- Membership – Donelle Chandler
Currently 79 members and enrollment is still open. Membership cards have been distributed. If you have not received yours let us know.
- Calendars- Jani Borschers
Six volunteers compiled all the calendars in one day. Calendars were given out at student lead conferences. Updated pages may be sent over the course of the years as changes are identified.
- Fall Festival-Aliza Hauser
Over 100 people attended and enjoyed the evening
- Pancake breakfast and Holiday Shop- Jani Borchers
Anyone who would be willing to volunteer with the Pancake Breakfast/Holiday Shop let Jani know: Jani Borschers kjborchers@comcast.net. A list was given to Costco to help with donations for the breakfast.
- Wreaths-Stephanie Nguyen
We are currently selling wreaths with a Nov. 18 deadline for orders. We will make a profit of \$6.00 per wreath and the orders may be picked up at the pancake breakfast.
- ShoWare- Stephanie Nguyen
Some PTA members have been able to become certified to work concessions at ShoWare Center in Kent. ShoWare has 4 concession stands. Two of those stands require about 10 associates to staff the stand at 100% for a very busy night. The other two stands require about 18 associates to staff that stand at 100% for a very busy night. Staffing depends on the amount of ticket sales sold for that particular event. All members must be 18 years old, and possess current WA State liquor and food handler's card. We receive a percentage of sales. This involves securing food handlers permit and a Class 12 Mixologist permit, which is valid for five years! The thought being working these events can be easier moneymakers, by being one-evening/time commitments. The more folks who are certified, the easier to be able to fill a shift (in case schedules don't allow someone to work.) This has worked well for some groups once there have been enough members certified. We are in the process of having more members certified and will be able to continue next year. There will be another email/attachment, which describes/updates info. with ShoWare, and these minutes also include attachments with current ways/places to become certified as well. We are working on setting up a separate class for ourselves which can offer a discount when taking the Mixologist class. We are asking for any volunteers who currently have or be willing to obtain their food handler and liquor license. Once you have both licenses you may contact: Stephanie Nguyen <stephlnghuyen@hotmail.com> with your information.
- Gift Wrapping at the SuperMall-
We talked about this, however no one volunteered to take on the project.

Volunteering - Suzanne Tamayo explained the list of committees and we welcome everyone's help. She also explained that if your name is on a committee and you have not been called that you will be notified closer to the event. First event in 2010 will be Bingo Night on Feb 19th. If you would like to volunteer or help with this, please let Suzanne know (suzannetamayo@comcast.net). Also if you ever have an event/idea in mind for PTA, and are willing to be in charge and/or co-volunteer, please let us know.

New Ideas/Possibilities for fundraisers

- Bouncy Place in Kent
- Marina Petrik owns a photography studio and might be able to work out a fundraiser idea with pictures
- It was brought up again to have all kinds of vendors (Partylite, Tupperware etc.) come in and sell their goods.

Next PTA Meeting time

- January @ 6:30pm
- Child supervision will be provided

Submitted by: Dana Cole, Co-Secretary

Approved: Suzanne Tamayo and Monty Potter, Co-Chair