

PIE Valley Tri-Valley PTO
Minutes from meeting dated November 19th, 2008

Meeting was commenced at 7pm. Board members in attendance: Amanda Jahn (president), Lupe Catala (vice president), Tatiana Stewart (treasurer), Freddy Amelkin (events chair), and Debra Eichhorn (secretary).

Call to Order - Opening Remarks - Amanda Jahn, President:

The Valley Foundation had its Meet & Greet on November 18th. Approximately a dozen or so parents come out for the event; the foundation will continue to work on getting its message out to our families. Elizabeth Barron, school nurse, was scheduled to speak briefly about the flu shot, but was unable to attend the meeting because this meeting was rescheduled at the last minute to accommodate the Valley Foundation Meet & Greet. Minutes from the October 2008 meeting were approved.

Budget Report - Tatiana Stewart (treasurer):

We had a good start to the year, but membership has slowed. Only 1 PIE/Valley class and 2 Tri-Valley classes have received \$50 checks for 100% membership. Membership drive reminders will be sent out to teachers. The Kidstuff Books fundraiser went well. The PTO also received about \$1000 from the Valley Foundation for the Sports Program. The PTO also is hoping to receive another allocation of monies from the David McFarland Memorial Trust sometime in January, or possibly March.

Some larger expenses so far have included costs for music therapy with Mr. Ken (a large portion) and Yoga. Feedback is that the children are really enjoying these programs. To date, Mr. Ken has not appeared at the Tri-Valley location; the school has been notified that it should schedule its appearances and hopefully the oversight will be soon remedied. Also, Lisa La La continues to see the preschool classes once a month.

The bill for services from the accountant (for PTO filings) was larger than previously expected. The PTO was originally told the bill would be \$750, but has learned the bill will actually be \$1100 for this year, and possibly more for next year. The board will see if it can secure professional services at a reduced fee to save the organization money.

Other fundraisers so far: Innisbrook made about \$1100 and Avon made about the same as last year. Reminder to all parents: the Waterleaf Fundraiser is presently underway.

BUDGET REPORT PROVIDED AT MEETING.

Principal's Report - Kathy Vuoncino, Assistant Director:

The school has now paid for the playground equipment (basic layout shown) and is working on the remaining excavation/preparation work. The playground will be set up behind OLV. On

November 20th, two trees are expected to be removed (stump removal vs. grinding to be decided). Installation will be performed by Whirlwind and expected in the Spring. A fence still needs to be installed. Ground work will continue, as weather/season permits.

Family Photo Day went very well. Thanks to Amanda Jahn for being there that day to help families. (NOTE: if parents did not get an email including photo previews and instructions to buy, contact the PTO.)

Committee Reports - Freddy Amelkin, Events Chair:

Family Fun Night is planned for January 15th, 2009, starting at 5:30pm. Costs of students attending will be paid by the PTO. Parents will have to pay for non-student siblings (\$20 per sib, which is a discounted rate). All children will receive a \$10 game card. There will activities available for all ages (i.e.: a bouncy ride for younger children).

The Walk-a-thon was very successful and made over \$5000. Attendance was comparable to that of last year. Thank you letters have been sent to contributors and sponsors of the event.

PIE/Valley/Tri-Valley Sport - Cheryl Cleary, Sports Chair:

So far 33 basketball registrations have been received. More are expected. The deadline for registration is November 21st, but some late registrations are expected. Not all registered students needed a ball (that trend is expected to continue), and that should help keep costs down. An application has been/will be filed with the Valley Foundation in hopes of reducing costs to parents even more. Lincoln School/Dumont School district has essentially confirmed the location and now is just working out the time slots for the basket clinic. Tentative start date: 2nd or 3rd week of January, 2009 for 10 week. Hopefully, we won't get too many weather cancellations. As for soccer, the Valley Foundation covered the costs for all students. (Note: many of the parents donated their fee to the PTO, totaling \$825. Thanks to all those parents.)

Other Matters & Open Forum:

Kids Go Shopping (KGS) is scheduled for December (set-up on Dec 1, shopping days 2,3 and 4, KGS goes back on the 5th). Information about this event will go home to parents shortly.

Meeting adjourned. DME