

PIE Valley Tri-Valley PTO

Minutes from meeting dated October 15th, 2008 at 7pm

Meeting was commenced at 7pm. Board members in attendance: Amanda Jahn (president), Freddy Amelkin (events chair), Debra Eichhorn (secretary) and Claudia Pinzon (Walkathon event chair). Tatiana Stewart (treasurer) was not in attendance, but Budget Report was presented by Amanda Jahn.

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

So far, the PTO has received lots of nice feedback from teachers about the programs to date (i.e., Outrageous Pets, apple cider press). Minutes from September meeting approved.

Budget Report - Amanda Jahn for Tatiana Stewart (treasurer):

Membership at level expected for this time of year. Kidstuff books fundraiser is wrapping up, which to date did not do as well as last year. However, last year we had a lot of last minute book sales. Exact amount raised to be provided. The PTO has received/expects to 3 donations from the David McFarland Memorial Trust. \$10,000 is to go to the OLV playground fund. We have already received the first donation and expect a second installment soon. A third allocation is expected in January, 2009. Community experience checks are going out in a timely fashion. Music therapy is on-going with Lisa La La for pre-k once a month and Mr. Ken twice a month for primary and transition classes (once a month for pre-k). We hope to work with Mr. Ken to put on a music show for February, which would be planned during school hours. Outrageous Pets received good reviews. The apple press presentation (highlights included a pig, a centipede, a guinea pig and ducks) was enjoyed by the children.

Filings, Administration & Insurance: the PTO secured its own insurance (the PTO was not adequately covered by the school's insurance). Accordingly, administrations costs were higher because of the addition of the insurance. The new insurance covers all the PTO needs, including meetings, sports and walkathon.

Lastly, the Valley Foundation covered the cost for all participating children. 65% of parents donated their registration checks to the PTO, for a total amount of \$850.

Principal's Report - Kathy Vuoncino, Assistant Director:

The apple press presentation was well-received. Programs started already included: Mr. Ken and Yoga (for some classes - OLV and County Road locations). Yoga to start in the remaining locations for applicable classes. For 10/15 and 10/16, Mrs. Wonderwhy came/expected to come. She focused on a Fall theme and mixing colors. [The PTO would love feedback from teachers for future appearances. Mrs. Wonderwhy will modify lessons to accommodate the various levels of the children.]

The Valley Foundation will have a Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet on November 19th [later changed to November 18th] to get more people involved. To date, the foundation supported the soccer program and wants to do more fundraising to give funds to other programs.

The OLV playground: permits have been applied for. 45% of the playground equipment has been paid for. It will be placed directly behind OLV and will be fenced off. Yet to be done: tree roots to be removed. Construction will be held off until the Spring, but is expected to be finished in the Spring. It will cost an extra \$10,000 for extra bedding. The school received an additional donation in the amount of \$14,500. The playground will include appropriate fixtures for ages 3 to 12/13, as well as game panels. The school is currently looking into excavation costs and fencing estimates, and tree work estimate (first).

Fundraiser Report - Amanda Jahn, president:

Robert Gamsby, due to personal issues, had to resign as vice president. Lupe Catala graciously volunteered to fill the position.

It came to the attention of the PTO that a number of parents didn't like the Innisbrook fundraiser, so to give parents a greater choice the PTO created a Virtual Holiday shop which will include: Innisbrook, Avon, Blue Tulip (1st week end in December), Water Leaf in Ramsey (6 weeks starting in November), Pampered Chef, and Educational Warehouse (for 2 weeks in December). Information/flyers will be provided. Preparations for Casino Night/Silent Auction will be getting off the ground soon.

Committee Reports - Freddy Amelkin, Events Chair:

Walk-a-thon: To date, the PTO received lots of great food donations for the walkathon. Also expected: Tenafly Fire Department/fire truck. Participating children will receive a ribbon at the end of the walk. This year's theme will be a candy walk, with candy themed decorations and candy for children.

Committee Reports - Amanda Jahn, President:

Pumpkin Patch event: This year preschoolers (including PIE, Valley & Tri-Valley) will go to DePiero's Farm for a hay ride & pumpkin picking.

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

Soccer is going well. The Haworth Public School field is working nicely. Basketball (for Winter 2009) registration will be going home shortly. Registration must be done early because of the large number of participants expected and time needed to purchase supplies. The deadline for registration is expected to be before Thanksgiving. There will be a choice to buy the ball (reflected in registration cost). Basketball expected to start in mid-January. (Orders for supplies will have to be put in before the holidays.) We are awaiting for Dumont Recreation to give the exact schedule. It should be a 10 week (Saturdays: 3pm-4 for younger kids and 4pm-5 for older kids). Location: Lincoln School in Dumont.

No questions presented at Open Forum. Meeting adjourned. DME