

Verne W. Critz
PTA Meeting – October 14, 2008

Meeting called to order by Phyllis Virno. Everyone welcomed. Location of fire exits were pointed out.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: \$8,335.34
Disbursements: \$1,262.43
Deposits: \$1,441.72
Ending Balance: \$8,514.63

Minutes from last meeting approved : Julie Benavides-first motion to accept, Kim Onorato-second motion, accepted.

Mrs. M.'s Report

Guest Speaker-Jen Hayhurst, VWC Literacy Coach

Ms. Hayhurst gave a power point presentation on early reading strategies. Discussed how Reading First benefits all students and how she supports the teachers and students.

Pamphlets on assisting young readers from toddlers – grade 3 were available to take home.

Mrs. M. commented on importance of consistent reading practice at home.

Old Business:

- * Class Parent Tea was well attended and ran smoothly, even with the rain.
- * Photo Day ran smoothly. Retakes 11/17, Family Portrait Night 11/24.
- * Preliminary Fundraising Results - \$4000.00-\$5000.00

New Business:

- * PTA Membership- 126 total members. Patty R. encouraged parents to join/ask that we encourage others to join
- * Box Tops- Katie M. reported a lot of participation. Will have a final count for this contest on 10/31
- * Funding factory-Joyce M. explained this ongoing fundraiser. We will continue to collect old ink jets, cartridges, and cell phones. If you know of a company that uses these items, ask for them as donations for our school. Brookhaven Memorial is our main contributor.
Helps our environment and helps our school-noted by Kim O.
- * PTA Council Report- Next meeting Mon. 11/10 @ 7pm. Superintendent shared that 9 Teacher's Assistant positions would be re-opened.
Vanessa reported that middle school discipline is down and discussion of high school students being prepped for the work force-i/e/ resumes and appropriate dress. Discussed there being a need for this.
- * Next Board of Ed. Meeting, Wed., 10/22.
- * Clothing Collection Fundraiser-VWC will be collecting clean, usable clothing, shoes, linens, and stuffed animals to send to third world countries.
Tentative pick-up date is 11/25. Our school will receive 13 cents per pound collected.
- * Halloween Family Fun Night-10/24. Set-up 2 nights prior.
Suggestion from Paul Belcher-adults supervise haunted house to minimize damage to

lights, etc. and be mindful of not scaring young visitors wearing glow bracelets. Many black lights need to be replaced from last year. High school/middle school volunteers, as well as older siblings needed and welcome to help with games, etc. Thanks to Julie Benavides and Lisa

Grossman for contacting our young volunteers.

Suggestion: HFFN night volunteers wear identification badges.

Any past pictures of haunted house set-up appreciated. These will help with set-up from year to year.

Sign-up sheet is available this evening for any parents/family members who can volunteer.

Sign-up for a specific time slot, then enjoy the rest of the evening with your families.

Pumpkins, hay, and corn stalks will be delivered at 8am on 10/23 to help decorate for Halloween Family Fun Night. Grounds Crew will store until Pumpkin

Picking Day.

* Pumpkin Picking-10/29. Rain-date 10/30

* Class parties will be kept "generic", not too holiday specific.

* 3rd Grade picnic Themes- PTA is collecting all suggestions for a theme (pirate, beach, magic, and carnival are some ideas) and will present ideas at January meeting for volunteers to begin planning this event.

* By-Laws-PTA By-Laws will be shared and vote to formally approve them will take place at the 11/18 PTA Meeting.

* VWC will soon start uniform donation. We will need to organize collection, inventory, and handing out of the uniforms. Mrs. M. noted a good percentage of our students "opt in" for uniforms, so this can be a big help for many of our students.

Next PTA Meeting, 11/18 @ 7pm.

Meeting adjourned.

PTA would like to thank everyone for their attendance.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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