

Pleasant Valley Elementary School PTA Minutes
Meeting of August 12, 2010

Eight individuals were in attendance.

Jen Villacrusis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Jen informed the group that a special email account has been established to be used specifically for PTA issues, i.e., fundraising, membership, questions or concerns, etc. The email is pves_pta@yahoo.com, and the executive committee members will have access to the password to check the account.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Villacrusis reported that there is \$3,016.40 in the budget at the beginning of this school year. Mike indicated that in the past the PTA has paid for the nurse's injury reports, and that this amount can be taken out of the teacher fund, estimating a cost of around \$200. Mrs. Frazier will take care of getting a cost for the printing of the injury reports. Mike also reported that the state and national dues have gone up this year to \$6.00 for an individual or \$10.00 for a couple. Mike discussed with the members present a need to purchase insurance for the PTA. Members agreed to purchase Accident Medical Liability plus Directors and Officers Liability. Total cost would be \$277.00, which would be \$90 above budget. Jen Villacrusis made the motion to approve the budget change, and Jen Dellinger seconded the motion, which was carried. Mike informed the group that each teacher would be presented with a \$35 VISA gift card for the teacher fund. As the teachers spend the monies, there will be an itemized receipt on how the monies were spent. The cards should be ready by August 23rd.

Fundraising Update:

August 26th will be the kick-off for the Attractions guide fundraiser. This year, people will have the option to pay through the Internet. Orders will be turned in on September 7th and September 14th, and Jen Villacrusis indicated that there would need to be volunteers at the school to help with deliveries of the books on each of those days.

Kym Garber reported that she has been in touch with the representative from ABC Fundraising, and that he has shipped the sample items to look over. This fundraiser will run October 19th – November 12th.

Membership Report:

Jamie LaFrance and Chris Beard designed a brochure describing what PTA is, what it does, and includes a detachable application. There will be a membership drive at the beginning of the school year during the month of September. Jamie will be in charge of setting up a PTA table during the Pre-K/Kindergarten Orientation during which time this new brochure will be handed out to parents while a video of the accomplishments of the PTA will be playing. During back-to-school night, the brochure will be available in the children's classrooms, and then the brochure will be sent home with each child during the first week of school.

Sign Updates:

Jen Dellinger reported that Neil had spoken with Randy Ryman at Massanutten Technical Center, and once the school year begins, they are interested in helping us with the project. Jen stated that the materials for the Lego tables are ready, and the tables should be done within the first couple weeks of school.

School Report:

Mrs. Frazier reported that 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades would be participating in Powerschool, which is an online grading and attendance system for parents. Through this system, parents will receive a password to look up their child's attendance, grades, and progress.

Mrs. Frazier reminded the members that the grading system would be on a nine-week period for the first time rather than the six-week grading period.

Mrs. Frazier reported that the SOL's went well last year, and that the school had received a check in the amount of \$13,468 for their performance on the SOL's.

Mrs. Frazier reported that she spoke with Scott Hand, and he still has a great deal of stimulus monies, which will be used to purchase the Interactive Achievement computer program. This will allow each child to take practice tests, and the teacher can grade the test and immediately identify those who may be having problems.

Mrs. Frazier informed the group that the school was participating in book discussions this year. The first book the group would be discussing was, "What Great Teachers Do Different".

Mrs. Frazier is anticipating another second grade teacher. There will also be three Kindergarten classes this year.

There was a review of upcoming PTA events scheduled throughout the school year.

The next scheduled PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., and childcare will be provided.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Julie Byers