

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Call to order: 6:36 called by Melissa

- Welcome everyone to our 1st meeting! We are so happy to have you!
- This year's board members are:
Melissa Van Treeck -Co- President, Lauren Friar - Co-President, Kim Koop- VP, Danielle LeMay- Treasurer, Nikki Pagels - Secretary, Beth Loer -Communications Chair, Amanda Palmer-Family Events Chair, Sam Kelly-Community Outreach Chair, Sarah Aalto- Staff Appreciation Chair, Kristina Heiser Box Top Chair

Approval of previous meeting minutes: N/A - it's the 1st meeting

Principal & Vice Principal Report: Mrs. Sharp was at the meeting and said the year is off to a great start. They had star rotations today. Starbucks are pink this year. We survived 2 heat days with inside recess. The star behavior videos are a hit.

Treasurer's Report:

- We opened a new business account at Chase and now have Zelle as a pmt. option.
- Tropical Chill will be sending \$87 check for back to school bash
- Checks/expenses: we will have an actual treasurer's report hopefully starting next month now that we are switched over to chase bank.
- Balance current \$ 9,618.
- We are looking into getting a square and possibly an iPad to help with sales at PTO events. Hopefully in time for the next event.

Old Business:

- Thank you to all of those that stopped by our booth at Supply Drop off and came to the Kindergarten Meet & Greet & Back to School Bash.
- Spirit wear was popular at all 3 of these events! Lots of sales.
- Any feedback or suggestions for these events next year: For kindergarten meet and greet maybe try wrist bands to show which teacher students have. The stickers were harder to see for kids.
- We purchased snacks for kids in need. Teachers will not have to supply snacks. For people interested in donating snacks to the school email the social worker or front desk. You can always donate to your child's class too.
- Dropped off a little back to school gifts to staff
- Yesterday was our first restaurant fundraiser with Antioch Pizza, thanks to everyone that participated. Antioch pizza has been good to us, they donated free pizza slices to star students in the past.
- September 21st Urban Air Night- we get a discounted rate at Urban Air. Bring your urban air socks if you have them or purchase on site. VV gets 20% back from this night.
- September 26th Culver's: Teachers and staff serve the food it is a fun night. We get 10% back on ALL sales not just VV from 5-8pm.

New Business:

- October 17th we'll be having a Chipotle fundraiser, November 7th McDonald's (the one on 120)
- and November 28th Papa John's
- We will be paying for the 5th grade Challenger field trip. VV received a grant, so the total after the grant is \$1155.00. We budgeted \$1800 for this!
- We've scheduled the first assembly of the year. It will be Illinois Storm Chasers and they'll be doing a thunderstorm simulation demo. There is some cool science stuff they do. For two assemblies (K-2 and 3-5) it was \$1,275. Since there are 550 students having two shows gives us smaller groups in the gym at one time. And can sometimes tailor programs to students grade.
- Wolves game to be scheduled, there is a game available Saturday, January 27th (7pm) or Sunday the 28th (3pm), do we want to do the same section as last time? They gave us a money back on ticket sales, around 5 dollars per ticket sold. All of VV is seated together in one section. After 30 tickets sold they gave us a jersey which we later raffled off at the spring event! We decided Sunday the 28th at 3pm would be better than Saturday. We will also keep the same section as last year.
- Staley da bear comes to schools for a kindness/good choices assembly. Lauren is trying to get Staley to come to VV
- We are looking into Windy CityBulls for early March as a family outing. They give back \$10/ticket.

- We have discussed briefly getting an iPad for the PTO and a square for event sales, thoughts? Teachers might get a discount at Apple?
- Do we want to have a holiday event this year? If yes, we'd like to do something completely different than last year. Any suggestions: Either go back to the drive thru, similar to what we did during covid or try an open skate event at the Crystal Ice house. We could have the Grinch or Santa attend and hand out treat bags with cocoa mix and reindeer food?

Committee Reports:

Events (Amanda):

- Fall event October 5th, 5-7: Book fair, pumpkin contest theme, fall game ideas? food- hot dogs, chips, drinks, treats. Pumpkins are inside but the games (stick with little prizes) and food will hopefully be outside. Key club does the games, teachers run the book fair. Volunteers help at the food tables. Help will be needed for set up and take down. Sign up genius needed for shifts. Some mentioned that it would be nice to bring back the corn roast, maybe reach out to VV parents to see if anyone has a corn connection.

Communications(Beth)

Community Outreach(Sam): Sam will go over this at the next meeting!

- Adult volunteers needed, 1 per classroom that would attend monthly meetings
- Parent punch card- get a punch for every meeting they attend & prize for so many punches
- Adult incentives ways to celebrate us (ex. Parents night out, PTO holiday party)
- Budget friendly events (win lunch with teachers, movie night at the school)
- Can we have website/link added for teachers wishlist, box top redemption, punch cards etc
- Snack drive/sign up for classroom snacks

Staff Appreciation (Sarah)

Box Tops (Kriss)- box top popsicle contest will be starting soon. The grade with the most box tops for 1st Trimester will win popsicles

- There will a contest each trimester
- The box top goal \$1000 this year
- Providing more info/post for uploading digital receipts, QR codes, promotions, scan reminders etc.
- At the fall fair Kriss will have a sign to show people how to use the App.
- At open house maybe a PTO member could help show parents how to use the App instead of at fall fest.

Open for Comments:

Closing - Adjournment: 7:40