

PTA Meeting Minutes
4/7/2009

Meeting began at 6:30pm in SVMS library.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Krista Kingston.

Discussed Preview Night

Discussed Portrait Night which was cancelled due to lack of interest. Discussed getting PTA announcements updated in a timely manner on school website. How can this be improved?

Finance Report given by Cathy Laskowski

Box Tops discussion. Cathy to contact Mrs. Jones via email (rjones@vallivue.org) to allow the school ID to be given/changed. Box top collection boxes are out in the school and available to receive box tops dropped off. Office volunteers will be trimming the collected coupons. The 2008/2009 school year submission dates have already passed (Sept 2008 & March 2009), but we will get everything in place for the 2009-2010 school year. Hope to have better success.

Walmart grant (\$1,000)

Chris has a contact. Our designated store is on Caldwell Boulevard. Krista Kingston completed the application and turned in to the store 3/28/09. We've been told there is a minimum four-week turnaround on the grant application.

These grant funds may be available yearly, so we may want to re-apply next year. In addition, each store has a monthly budget, so if the large grant doesn't come through we can apply for the smaller store budget.

Costco grant – no luck. Krista Kingston confirmed with them that the application was received, but when she called back to check on the status of our request, they denied having received the application and had no record of our request (!). A new application was submitted 4/6/09 (hand carried) to the store by Krista. We're waiting for a reply.

School administration has requested help with recess duties on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month (in the morning) so that the EAs may attend staff meetings. The PTA has 2 volunteers available for the 8:00-8:30am duty. Chris and Nicole Phipps will be taking care of this.

ISAT Snacks

School administration has requested a "healthy" snack. We will be providing cheese sticks. Krista Kingston and JoAnn will buy the snacks at Costco on Thursday and will drop them off at the school to the kitchen refrigerator. School staff will hand out the snacks. Costco has the best price on the cheese sticks (\$160 for 800 sticks). PTA will also provide an alternative healthy snack for those students unable to have dairy – perhaps dried fruit?

We need to find out when Nicole Phipps is helping at ISAT testing so the school knows she's representing the PTA. We're not sure what the school needs in the way of volunteers for the testing.

Teacher Appreciation Week – 1st week of May

Discussed providing breakfast for the teachers one morning of that week. Bagels, muffins, juice, coffee? Some token of our appreciation. Estimate cost to be \$200 for ~80 staff members. Maybe provide breakfast Tuesday (5/5)?

Discussed budget and how best to allocate funds for the balance of the year.

By-laws

Krista Kingston took the template provided by Michole of the PTA standing rules and re-worked them to suit our PTAs needs. All in attendance accepted them as amended by Krista with the only change being to have the expense reimbursement changed to 60 days from 30 days.

Meeting adjourned 8:01pm.