

## **Valentine Hills PTA Meeting**

*January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

### **In attendance**

Suzanne Gregg, Mary Ortt, Sue Johnson, Heather Lohman, Julie Anderson, Mary Lawrence, Toni Graham, Teresa Walbon, Barbara Krejcarek, Leta McDonald, Jane Kennedy, Kara McCoy, Sonnie Evans, Nathan Flansburg, Jen Mohlenhoff, Marre Jo Sager, Maria Hermanson, Cori Corgan, LeeAnn Breuch, Miriam Hill, Sheila Treise, Janie Hecht, Lia Rieke

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved, with a couple of clarifications.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The checkbook balance as of 1/26/08 is \$29,463.98. Project Warmth will not be using the allotted funding this year, which accounts for a large portion of the possible budget surplus of approximately \$2,000. However, this does not include income & expenditures for the upcoming school carnival. Also, the final Milk Tops & Box Tops totals are not in, and we are projecting some more income from those. Further review of the PTA budget will happen after the school carnival has taken place.

### **School Board Representative's Report**

Marre Jo Sager talked about the school district budget, which was discussed at the last school board meeting. The board is looking at a balanced budget for the fiscal year 2008-09. There is a \$1.2 million budget decrease and declining enrollment. Expenditures are within the budget, but a reduction of 6.4 FTE positions was also included in that budget.

The new school calendar was approved for the 2009-10 school year, based on current state guidelines regarding schools starting before Labor Day. If those guidelines change, the start & end dates for next school year would be pushed back.

World language options for elementary & middle schools will be discussed on 1/27/09.

Marre Jo talked about how school board reps also work as liaisons, connecting with organizations within the community, including the historical society, Eagles, Am. Legion.

### **Old Business**

Status reports were given:

*Geckler Fundraiser*—Terry Crane could still use a co-chair for next year's fundraiser.

*School Carnival*—Volunteers are needed to cover tables. Donations are also needed, including 2 liter bottles of pop as well as candy. The basket raffle will take place in the IMC, with ticket sales until 8pm & drawing at 8:15pm.

### **Principal's Report**

- The sing-along was a success. Mr. Flansburg has heard good reports from families & staff about it.
- A water main break occurred on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Just over an hour after the problem was found, a message went out via the schools phone messaging system. Parents were given the option to keep their VHS students home, or have them bused to Highview MS for the day. School was officially in session, but children whose parents chose to keep them home were excused. Parents are encouraged to notify the school office if they chose to keep their child home on that day, due to the water main break. The Highview & VHS staff worked together to organize the day.

- Meet Your Teacher & Parent Information Night—PINs have experienced poor attendance. The school is looking at the idea of combining the two.

### **New Business**

*K Roundup*—Some PTA volunteers are needed to sit at the PTA table. This year, the K Roundup has been combined with enrollment information night.

### *Grant Requests*—

School specialists made a \$201 funding request to buy prizes related to the Responsive Classroom program. The grant was approved.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.