



**PTA General Membership Meeting
February 8, 2017**

Call to Order: Johannah Evans, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:46pm

Attendance: Johannah Evans, Mindy Waltham-Sajdak, Kari Lowry, Amber Dominick, Jacquie Gay, Amy Roundtree, Laraine Edwards, Melinda Short, Mary McLean, Alison Sealock, Shelley Teras, Jeanette Wagner, Lauren Conner, Jennifer LeClerc, Melina Bertulfo, Laura Vagts, Daisy Bokus, Kristen Wiggins

Amber made a motion to approve the November 9th General Membership meeting minutes. Mindy seconded, and we all approved.

President's Report: Johannah reported that spring mini grants were reviewed with Mrs. Edwards, and 3 grants were approved: \$120 for apps on art classes' ipads; \$350 for 2 Rubiks cube sets for Mrs. Sesso; and \$1000 for the summer bookmobile. Daisy Bokus mentioned there would be a book drive Feb. 27-Mar. 2 to kick off the organization of this year's bookmobile.

The next three general membership meetings have guests/topic scheduled: March, Joe Romano, magician; April, FCPD officer talking on home safety; May, Jason Skerker talking on SOLs

Principal's Update: Mrs. Edwards reported that the recent teachers' soup and salad luncheon was much appreciated. FCPS budget talks are starting. The teachers are busy, and the students are thriving.

Mrs. Edwards mentioned that racial tensions are running high outside of the elementary school setting, but we are not seeing any evidence here at VRES. Expectations of respect of one another are being set at our school.

Treasurer's Report: Jacquie handed out the most current Treasurer's Report for Jan. 6-Feb. 8, 2017. Our balance stands at \$33,165.77.

Committee Reports:

VP Education Report: Mindy reported that the Lego Club has a second co-chair, Mike Musson. The club will start meeting on 3/1/17. The new directory has been sent home. There are 40 extras in the front office to be sold at \$5 a piece.

13 before and after school programs running this spring: Acting Out k-2, Acting Out 3-6, Art Club, Blue Box Sports, Chess Club, Happy Feet, Kids in Motion Run Club, Learn Now Music Guitar and Keyboard, Lego Club, Overtime Athletics Pitch and Putt Golf, STEM excel 1-4, STEM excel 3-6, and Ultimate Magic Academy. Most programs will start the week of Feb. 27, with others starting later.

Chinese Acrobat performance will be on Feb. 13, as our next assembly.

Science Quest is March 16. Registrations are due Feb. 23.

VP Fundraising Report: Kari reported that Original Art is finishing at the end of February; order forms will go home the 2nd week of March; Orders will be due before spring break; and delivery will be before Mother's Day.

The Color Run will be April 28. Each child will have the opportunity to get individual sponsors in order to boost the fundraising effort. Large donors will have a link placed in our weekly newsletter. A silent auction will also be held in order to reach our goal of \$30,000.

We will have a May donut fundraiser through Krispy Kreme, and Mindy Waltham-Sajdak has volunteered to help coordinate the effort.

Our next Box Tops collection deadline will be February 24. It will be the final collection of the school year.

VP Social Report: Amber reported that the teacher luncheon went well on Monday, Feb. 6. The Custodian appreciation luncheon will be held later this month. Amber is hopeful to get the students to make some thank yous to present at the luncheon.

The Variety Show parent meeting was earlier in the day, with the first rehearsal to happen next Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:21 PM

**Before our meeting we had a presentation from Jeanette Wagner, FCPD, on child exploitation and human trafficking. She provided the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children website as a resource for parents to learn more about this important topic and keeping our children safe from victimization on the internet. www.missingkids.org and www.netSMARTZ.org*