

Prospect Valley PTA May 1st, 2014 General PTA Business Meeting 3:00-4:15p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order - 3:00 p.m.
- II. Welcome, Introductions, and Sign In
- III. Reading and approval of the April minutes - Motion made and passed, minutes were approved
- IV. Reports of Officers
 - President's report (Cara Jakab) : Thanks to Board and all the chairs and everyone who has contributed this year. Capital Campaign - over \$18k earned to date; this is the most successful fundraiser at PV; 130 families have given (32%); there will be one last letter going out on Monday regarding the Capital Campaign to show info. of what PTA has contributed money towards. Volunteer Appreciation lunch will have celebration re: Capital Campaign.
 - President Elect's report (Jennifer Hess): Thanks to those who brought snacks for today's meeting and those who babysat. Heidi will not be Treasurer next year. Volunteer of the Year (tie) - Guy Nahmiach & Denise Miller. Volunteer Appreciation ceremony Thursday, May 22nd at 1:45 p.m. and is for anyone who has volunteered this year.
 - Vice President's report (Mike Collins): Thanks for a great year and for PTA contributions. 5th & 6th graders perform tonight. 6th grader Maya DiGiacomo saved a lady from drowning in a pool in Florida. Derrith Bartling's retirement party taking place May 16th at 2:45 after school on the front lawn. Zoo day for Kindergarten today.
 - Treasure's report (Heather Kennedy and Heidi Olivera): We have over \$18K for the Capital Campaign - earned \$1400 in April for Capital Campaign. Have \$23,500 in checking, \$2500 in savings. Review of April budget. If you have any outstanding receipts and are a chairperson, please turn those in so that we can close the books. Audit committee to meet in the summer to review the books: Ben Leroux, Jeanne Sanchez, Jen Hess, Sara True.
- V. New Business - Destination Imagination (Jen Pollock & Debbie Simpson) -Thanks to the PTA for the support over the years. DI is the largest Creative Thinking Competition in the world. The Global Competition takes place in Knoxville, TN May 21-24. The older team of PV students won 1st place in State competition and the opportunity to go to the Global Competition. They are requesting \$390 from the PTA to help cover 15% of the cost of room and board for the 2 current PV students. (Cost for room and board is \$700/kid) **\$390 PTA donation was motioned and approved** for DI. They are also doing a fundraiser at Chipotle on May 13th from 4:30 - 8:30 p.m. (32nd & Youngfield location) where a portion of

earnings will go towards DI. You may make a personal donation to DI if you would like (contact Debbie Simpson if have questions on this).

VI. Old Business (Cara Jakab): Capital Campaign - great because there was no time involved for our school community. There was a discussion on what our backup plan will be next year for our PTA budget needs. Chair list for next year went around - people were asked to sign up for anything that is open they might be interested in. Cartridge recycling is going away; Landscape - co-chair is needed; Reflections - chair is needed; Walk to School (October)- chair is needed.

VII. Reports of Committees

- Garden (Erin Perrin & Stacie Mintken) Estimated cost of doing the Garden was \$14,000, actual cost was \$2000. They received \$6000 in grants and they got 11 businesses who donated items "in kind" and in return they were advertised and promoted on the Garden website. The Garden helps PV meet our health and wellness goal; it has become the flagship garden for Jeffco; PV Garden will be spotlighted in the Wheat Ridge garden tour. Voting sheets have gone out to each grade on what to plant in their garden, and they are due this Friday. May 22nd is planting day with the kids help. Looked into doing a Farmer's Market and it does require insurance and a tax license. Discussion of other options to do with the Garden: **Option A** - Kid Initiation Farmer's Market. Hold it once/week (4 times) where they sell their veggies for profit for one hour (2:45 - 3:45 p.m. or until sellout). Kids could be selected to participate. Grades 1-3 could help harvest and wash the veggies and grades 4-6 could sell the veggies. Money made would go back into the Garden. Could supplement garden with Slow Grow Denver and buy produce we don't have and repay that cost from proceeds. Point was made that this would require kids to get out of class early to participate and that is something that should be addressed at a staff meeting for teachers to vote on. (there is already so much to cover in a day even leaving a few minutes early can be difficult) **Option B** - Create a Garden event that is tied to an existing PTA event like Curriculum Night. Challenges with this are managing the kids, inclement weather, shuttling kids in and out of school. Other ideas brought up were: donating veggies not sold to a food bank. Donating veggies to a local pizza place who in turn promotes they are using PV veggies and then we can have them be a vendor for our Gold Rush event. Also mentioned just donating the veggies to the community vs. selling to make money. Question was asked what the money needs were this year for the Garden - \$1300 in the budget and plant cost will be \$500 and have sprinkler damage to fix. **Option C** - Create a "Garden Club" and have workshops after school selling veggies. **Option C voted on and**

approved. (recommendation that any remaining veggies could be donated to a food bank)

- Gold Rush (Brenda Ritz): The committee has been meeting and working on the sponsorship form and will begin finding sponsors. (Beau Jo's pizza and Ace Hardware)
- Landscape (Lisa Palmer): Already been weeding. Will be planting things in the front planter. Jodi Nemeth offered to help co-chair landscape with Lisa.
- Reading Challenge Week (Amy O'Neill) May 19th author Dorothy Donahue will be at our school. This is during Reading Challenge Week. Books have been ordered for her to sign. Kids will be given a special reading log that week for additional reading. The Book Fair will also take place during Reading Challenge Week.
- Spring Fling (Katy Copher): \$1629 earned - total of \$1800 donated.
- Science Fair (Robin Chalker): There were less entrants this year - possible the timing of Easter affected this. Better quality of projects this year. They held less workshops this year which may also have impacted the number of entrants
- Social Hour (Andrea Tuitele): Last one was held on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Colorado Plus Brewery and there were 30-35 people present. It was a fun event. For next year looking at new things to try and get more participation - maybe try Sat. night vs. Thurs.; bring in classroom creations to the Social Hour in the Spring; find a way to get teachers to attend.
- Staff Appreciation (Tammy Odean & Cara Jakab): Takes place May 5-9. Monday - continental breakfast, Tues. - Jamba Juice (16oz) for all staff, Wed. - hot breakfast, Thurs. - Salad Bar, Fri. - Casserole Day. They will receive prizes in their box each day too. Need donations of \$5 Good Times gift cards or money so PTA can purchase them.
- Talent Show (Guy Nahmiach): The Talent Show will be held on May 23rd at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria and is free and open to everyone. Great show coming up and practices are taking place right now. Kid's will be the emcee this year and they are really funny. Info. of the schedule of rehearsals is in the Flash.
- Watch Dog Dads (Heidi Olivera): Heidi will be taking over the Chair position of this committee for next year.
- Wee Deliver (Shelley Sherrill): Send anything at least 1 week before the end of school to ensure it gets delivered.
- Yearbook (Andrea Haydon): Thanks for putting together the yearbook.

VIII. Adjournment: 4:25 p.m.

Dates to Remember

May 5th-9th: Staff Appreciation

May 16th: Mrs. Bartling's retirement reception 2:45 p.m.

May 19th-23rd: Reading Challenge Week and Book Fair

May 22nd: Volunteer Appreciation Reception 1:45 p.m.

May 23rd: Talent Show 3:00 p.m.

May 28th: 6th Grade Continuation 9:00 a.m. & Last Day of School Early Release 12:15 p.m.