

Approved Issaquah Valley PTA General Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2011
IVE Library 7:00pm

Call to Order/ Welcome – Kerri Jensen & Shari Tokumi

Called to order at 7:04. Quorum was present. Attendance sheets are attached.

President's Report – Kerri Jensen & Shari Tokumi

The newly appointed legislative representative, Essie Hicks was introduced. Shari announced we are currently accepting nomination for Interim VP of Communications. Elsa Fleck submitted her resignation as VP of communications. An explanation was given of responsibilities for the position. IVE PTA will vote on a new VP of Communications at November General Meeting. This position will finish Elsa's term and serve until June 2012. Kerri and Shari thanked Elsa for her time served.

Thank you to Andrea Ulitsch for a successful salmon days parking. Raised \$3000 and the goal was \$2000. Thank you to Nicole and Ed Mecum who did an amazing job running WAT. Expenses were lower for this year's WAT due to the increase in sponsors. The Spaghetti Dinner following the WAT was lots of fun. Daryl did a great job. 296 people attended.

Secretary Report – Anne Livingston

Move to approve the September General Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded & Passed

Treasurer Report – Tara Moe

No new activity. Announced the budget increases voted in by the Board. Discussion followed of the Audit Results. IVE PTA is in excellent financial health.

Principal's Update – Diane Holt

A lot of excitement surrounding this year's new activities: spaghetti feed, reading assessment, and science curriculum. Thanked PTA for working so well with staff. Teachers are coming up with a lot of great activities for auction. Plans are in the works for holding an online auction for teacher experiences so parents can purchase events online.

Staff Updates – Jane Brammer

Jane introduced Jennifer Ritchie who will work with Jane as the staff representative for PTA.

Issaquah School Foundation – Sally Brunette

Sally Brunette from Issaquah School Foundations (ISF) discussed the All in for Kids Campaign. ISF raises money for all schools in the Issaquah School District. ISF provides grants to individual schools as well as funding for district wide programs. ISF raises money through two major fund drives: the Spring fundraiser which focuses on one specific program and the Fall fundraiser which raises money for all the other programs.

This year's Fall Fundraiser is "All In For Kids." ISF hopes to raise 250K. ISF will hold a phoneathon on November 16 & 17 and 19 and Click for Kids on October 14 & October 28 (Fridays). Letters are going out to parents. All donors, who donate to ISF by November 4, will be listed in Issaquah Press (no value amts). Microsoft match is through end of October.

Jodi Novotny, IVE's ISF rep, announced a Honk & Wave on Friday October 28 @ 7:45 on Newport Way. Jodi invited the PTA to come wave signs to support ISF. Both parents and kids can participate.

Diane talked about how ISF helps IVE. IVE usually receives 2 to 3 grants each school year from ISF .

Issaquah Schools Bond & Leg. Assembly – Tola Marts & Essie Hicks

Tola introduced Essie as co-chair legislative rep. Essie, Tola and Jenise attended legislative assembly. The assembly voted on the State PTA focus for this year. Issaquah school district was well represented and had 36 votes out of 240.

Tola explained how education funding works in Washington. Schools have three different sources of funding. The First is State Money. Issaquah gets substantially less state money due to our prior classification as rural in 1975. Issaquah makes up the difference with the second source of funding, a Levy. 28% of operation budget is funded by the levy and 72% of operation budget comes from state. The third type of funding is a bond. A Bond is basically a loan for long term funding. This year's bond will provide IVE with 6 new classrooms, main office remodel, walkways enclosed, new bathrooms, windows replaced, flooring replaced and a new roof.

Bond will be included in an April special election. Bonds must pass by 60%. Only 50% of Issaquah parents are registered to vote. PTA will have voter registration set up at all IVE events.

PTA will invite Kelly Mumm from VIS to talk about the bond at November meeting. PTA members will vote at the next meeting on whether to endorse the bond.

Board Reports

VP of Membership, Laura Schmidt, conducted a membership push with the new directory coming out. Announcements went out via kidmail and email. Parents must be a PTA member to receive a directory. So far, membership is at 78%. Our goal is 100%.

Last week, VP's of Volunteers Tricia Neil held a committee chair orientation. If anyone missed orientation see Tricia or Rachel.

Committee Chair Reports:

Walkathon (WAT) was a great day. Kids had a fabulous time. The boy and girl with the highest laps from each class received a \$10 gift certificate for the book fair. Every student who participated received a coupon for free popcorn. WAT is accepting envelopes through October 28.

Amy Cancelosi filled us in on the Auction. Auction teams are in full swing. Kick off with dessert was a great success. Currently, the committee is procuring items and sponsors for the auction. Procurement window closes on November 23. Only 6 weeks left to procure items. Auction catalog is available online. Encouraged all members to enter procurement on website. A sponsorship flyer is available on the PTA website. Businesses can sponsor at different levels. Remind businesses that cash donation is 100% tax write off. Sponsorships will help fund auction costs. Businesses can donate online as well.

The Auction Committee is exploring offering an online auction for teacher experiences. Please contact Lynette with any questions about the Auction.

Community Outreach chair Suzie Kuflik has the donation bins out. Collecting warm clothing for November & December. Donations can be placed in the bin. Also, IVE is collecting food for Issaquah food Bank. Finally, Angel program is moving along. Angels can give an angel gift certificate for book fair. Please contact Suzie if interested in becoming an angel.

Committee Announcements

Kim Nardi needs 10 more full day volunteers for Vision & Hearing on Monday. Volunteers will conduct hearing & vision tests. Training begins at 8:30 and again at 12:10. 8

Book Fair's Family Fun night is tomorrow. Book fair is going great but need volunteers for clean up.

Hospitality needs help to set up lunch for vision & hearing. Also hospitality is providing food for family fun night. Still need volunteers to provide vegetable plate, cheese & crackers, fruit and juice boxes.

(See Attachment B for additional committee reports)

Shari adjourned meeting at 8:19

Respectfully submitted
Anne Livingston
Secretary