

Ventana Vista FFO General Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2010

VV FFO Co-President Lalita Hadley called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Principal/Staff Chat. Principal Kim Boling welcomed everyone and talked about the VV mascot, Mr. Whiskers, who just “returned” from Italy. Every time he travels somewhere, the students are given clues so they can guess his location. Thanks to Sodexo, the students also got to taste lasagna samples at lunch as part of the Italy celebration. Parent Teresa Catalano prepared a slide show of Italy for the students to watch.

*Fourth-grade teacher Linda Deputy told the group about her students’ latest field trip to Marine Discovery at the University of Arizona, which was a success. The classes will soon be going to an archaeological dig site and participate in a mock dig.

Secretary. Minutes from the Oct. 20 VV FFO general meeting were approved and filed as written.

Grants. None

Presidents Report. Co-President Angie Goorman discussed Bingo Night, which is scheduled for **Jan. 7, 2011**. She explained what a great event it is, with snacks and prizes, and asked for 10-15 volunteers to help that night. Bingo cards and other game equipment might also be needed.

Treasurer’s Report. Co-Treasurer Tatyana Nnenemen-Yatsenko said the FFO balance is \$53,721.52 with cash available at \$48,742.07.

Committee Reports:

Promotions. Kathleen Melde checked into the benefits of a Target Red Card for the school. VV receives money through this program that is used for staff development. She is going to post notices around the school in hopes to increasing that card’s usage through the holiday season. She said the E-script program is the easiest program for the school. She also wants to focus on K-2 parents to encourage them to get E-script accounts or renew them to boost revenue to the school.

Teacher of the Year- Tara Kirkpatrick is the VV representative for the district’s TOY committee. No teachers have been nominated from the school so far. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 22.

VV Science Fair. Committee Chair Bryn Allen announced that 41 projects have been proposed for the school’s first-ever Science Fair. She said the range of

projects is exciting. Drop-off dates for projects are **Dec. 6-7**, with judging on **Dec. 8**. Public viewing will follow on **Dec. 9-10**. The projects can be picked up on **Dec. 13**. All participants will receive recognition for their entries and the top projects will move on to the SARSEF competition.

Old Business.

Halloween. Jason Halper gave a review of the Halloween Carnival. He said he thought the event was a success overall with some lessons learned. Among them, that dinner food was a good decision because so much pizza was purchased. He said he was disappointed to hear some reports of parents bullying the costume contest judges. Jason said he would like to chair the event next year.

Chip Shoppe. This fundraiser brought in \$6,400 for the school, short of the \$10,500 that was anticipated.

5th Grade Camp. Ms. Boling said the camp was a wonderful bonding experience for the students. Co-President Lalita Hadley said they are already trying to contact this year's fourth grade parents to assure their interest in supporting the event next year for their students.

New Business.

Teacher/Staff Holiday Appreciation Lunch. The lunch is planned for Dec. 17 in the Kaleidoscope Room.

Love of Reading Night. VV will host a Love of Reading Night in February 2011. The entire month will focus on reading. Authors will give presentations at the school and a book exchange is planned.

New Fall Fundraisers. Lalita urged everyone to come up with ideas for new Fall events that can raise money for the FFO, since Chip Shoppe did not bring in as much revenue as was expected. Sportzone, a key Spring fundraiser, needs a title sponsor (\$2,500) if it is to continue. PE Teacher Janet Holland is interested in holding something similar to Manzanita Elementary School's Fun Run in Sabino Canyon. Other ideas might be a companion to the Mathathon, such as a Spelling Bee or a school-wide Trivial Pursuit contest.

Adjournment. Lalita adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

*****The next FFO general meeting will be held January 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Kaleidoscope Room.***