

VHE PTO Board Meeting

AGENDA

AUG 25TH

7:00PM

VINTAGE BREWING COMPANY

MEETING CALLED BY	PTO President Shelby Connell. All in attendance: Shelby Connell, Beth Cantwell, Peg Keeler, Deanna Stadler, Sarah Van Riet, Julia Stein-Barnes, Vanitha Suresh, Karen Rouse, Alexandra Corten, Weijun Shang, Tara Pabellon Michelle Hoke, and Carousel Bayrd.
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Agenda topics

15 MINUTES **INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS/PTO OVERVIEW** SHELBY CONNELL

DISCUSSION	<p>Shelby spoke about the results of the Parent Survey administered at VHE last year. A committee met over the summer and came up with this year's PTO goals based on the survey.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Less selling- Direct Appeal (more below) 2. Community Building- Linking VHE with larger community. Transportation will be available for PTO events. Teachers will be given opportunities to pick fresh Garden veggies for snack. 3. After School Workshops- ART is planned 4. Increase Art Exposure via Cultural Arts Committee 5. Electronic Communication-Decrease the amount of paper communication with families. 6. Grant writing committee- Technology needs, as well as other funding 7. School Giving Tree-Tree (possibly live) in lobby where teachers can hang requests 8. Where does money go?- This year we will be working under a budget <p>Vast majority of school calendar will remain. Adding a Noodles night Oct 17th (25% of sales of to VHE), Movie Night will be replaced with a School Dance. A Volunteer Interest Form is being put together and will be available in early September.</p>
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10 MINUTES **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** PEG KEELER

DISCUSSION	<p>Ms. Keeler reviewed information from VHE August newsletter regarding which teachers/staff left VHE and teachers/staff that were hired. Additional staff updates included: a Substitute Music Teacher will need to be hired, new Librarian (Ms. Kurka), Patty Means leaving and Eric Miller being new Strings Teacher. The new staff "teams" are meeting and coming up with goals and programming for the year. New goals will include Social/Emotional goals as well as academic goals. A new security system is being placed in every Madison Middle School. Due to VHE being connected to a Middle School, VHE will also have a new security system. The doors on Segoe Rd and Waukesha Rd will have a buzzer system. The secretary will have to buzz people into school. Classroom numbers include K/1 (15-19 kids), 2/3 (24 kids) and 4/5 (24 kids). A recent donor gave VHE \$10,000 via the Foundation. This money will be used for classroom laptops. The same donor has put out a \$5000 matching challenge to VHE parents. Anjali will be in charge of Foundation and will be doing fundraising to reach the \$5000 including reaching out to the larger community and potentially hosting adult only events.</p>
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10 MINUTES **TREASURER'S REPORT** WEIJUN SHANG

DISCUSSION	<p>\$6921.69 in accounts payable. There are still some outstanding invoices. Gym teacher made an appeal for \$150 for COMMUNITY Service Committee. Deanna Stadler made a motion to approve \$150 designated for student Leadership Committees (all 3). Julia Barnes seconded the motion. 9 yes votes, 100% approval.</p>
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5 MINUTES **DIRECT APPEAL** TARA PABELLON

DISCUSSION	<p>Will be asking each family to donate \$33 to school. Goal is \$10,000. The money will be used for classroom needs, Technology, Garden and Patrols. Any dollars above \$10,000 will all be directed to Technology needs. Donors will be acknowledged and get a receipt. Idea of \$20/month deduction. Square 1 fundraiser also discussed.</p>
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5 MINUTES **OPEN HOUSE** DEANNA STADLER

DISCUSSION	<p>Sept 13th. 75 pizzas will be ordered; slices sold for \$2. Needs include: cup donation, and volunteers to set-up, cashier, serve pizza, sell Hedgie Gear and Clean up. Sarah Van Reit will be heading up the Veggie Table and Ms. Keeler will be looking into Garden Music.</p>
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5 MINUTES **HEDGIE GEAR** DEANNA STADLER

DISCUSSION	<p>Simple Swimming will be the printer/designer/distributor used. Trying to get one product below \$10 and then a second. Plan to come up with VHE symbol to be used year after year with different PTO theme. Old gear will be sold at Open Hose. Extra Tees will be given to new Free/Reduced Lunch</p>
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kiddos at Peg's discretion.

5 MINUTES

GARDEN

SARAH VAN RIET

DISCUSSION Summer Garden Helpers did a great job. Last night pesto and salsa were made at the school garden using the Garden Veggies. The Wisconsin State Journal was there and an article will be in the Sunday Paper. \$3400 was received in grants last year. Ms. Powell and Mary Michaud did a summer workshop on Outdoor Classroom Education. In late September a meeting will be held for new "garden" parents. A weekly email will be sent to teachers regarding what is ready to be harvested for healthy classroom snacks.

NEXT MEETING	General Meeting (Ms. Keeler will be speaking on the state of VHE), Tuesday, September 6
LOCATION	VHE Cafeteria
TIME	7:00 pm *Childcare will be provided