



# VCA J.O.Y. PTF

## Meeting Notes

April 26, 2010

700 Oak Grove Station Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

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**Members Present:** Sean & Maria Elgut, Nancy Keating, Clay & Andrea Robertson, Donna Beethoven, Laura Hernandez, Christine Beaumont, Phil Pitsielis and Monica Snow.

**Prayer:** Donna Beethoven

**Andrea Robertson/ Secretary's Report:**

The PTA will purchase tickets for Music Man play for the families of: Carolyn Venebal, Rich Dalmas, Julianne Baker and Karen Smith. They have given countless hours to the play and it would be a blessing to provide these tickets for them.

Alicia Throneberry was not at the meeting. Her report was read. Currently we have \$4523.50 available. \$135.00 was brought in from Jeans Day. The basket auction brought in \$1445.00 & the Silent Auction brought in \$690.00. There was a \$90.00 donation to the school. \$277.00 has not been paid yet for auction items.

Mr. Mark Keating wrote a thank you letter for the PTA's monetary support of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual European Mission trip.

**Clay Robertson/President:**

Nominations for 2010-2011 Board - Rob Turner, Paul Beaumont, Steve Warneke, Kathy Martin, Nicole Tartarian, Amy Shaddock & Blair Allen were all nominated for various positions. (It was suggested that the V.P. be available during the day to be hands & feet.)

**Donna Beethoven/ Vice President:**

Spring Fling Review - \$585.00 came in from this event. \$520.00 was given to the Europe Trip group.

**Teacher Appreciation Week    May 10 – 14<sup>th</sup>**

Monday= Bring a Flower from your yard – A vase will be on the desk waiting for the flowers.

Tuesday= Make a Homemade Card with a drawing of you & your teacher. Provide a favorite memory from that year.

Wednesday= Bring your teacher her favorite Sweet Treat from her "Favorite Things" sheet

Thursday= JOY day! Bring in something that is JOYFUL! (A smiley face balloon, a scripture about JOY etc.)

Friday = Bring a Gift Card for your teacher to her favorite coffee shop, lunch spot, etc.

Teachers Favorite Things Lists are available in the office. Copy again for classes.

The PTA will be providing a lunch buffet MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY in the teacher's lounge. Room moms will need to ask parents to send in sandwich rings from Sam's, sodas, brownies, etc. Maria would like the presentation to be nice and springy with pretty plates, platters, and cups. The Elguts will be providing lunch for the teachers on THURSDAY & FRIDAY.

### **Monica Snow/Fund Raising:**

No spirit night for the month of May.

Donna Beethoven suggested doing a spirit night through-out the summer. That way families can connect and the kids can keep up with each other.

Monica mentioned that Cici's may give us credit for a Spirit Night after the play .

### **Christine Beaumont/ Outreach:**

Pregnancy Center Donations have been collected. Karen Smith was a great help! She collected the items and presented them at the Literary Arts Festival. Christine will collect the remaining items and present them to a pregnancy center in need. What a beautiful blessing! ☺

### **Phil Pitselis/Playground:**

Phil will be sending out one of his guys to paint the volleyball poles this week.

There have been children with TICKS. Clay will call Coastal Pest and have them come spray again. Christine is going to have Paul Beaumont look at the poison ivy near the monkey bars and see what can be done about it.

### **New Business/Questions/Comments/Concerns:**

**SCHOOL PICNIC:** The school picnic will be held on MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Northwest River Park from 1:30 – 5:30pm. The Elguts would like for the PTA members to come and have fun and also to help keep eyes on everything. Teens have been given 4hours of community service to stay after and clean up the area. However, PTA members are asked to tidy up where they are able.

Phil suggested that a Dunking Booth would be a lot of fun at one of these events. It could even been a really funny fundraiser that the kids could give a little money to be a part of... i.e. 3 balls for \$1.00

**Music Man Play:** The J.O.Y. PTF will be putting an ad in the Play Bill thanking the parent/teacher helpers and congratulating the students. Andrea will create the ad and get it to Jenny Pfeiffer. Alicia will write the check for the ad.

Mr. Elgut suggested that everyone start selling tickets. ☺ Jenny Pfeiffer is selling ad space in the Play Bill if you know businesses that would like to advertise. Maria Elgut suggested a contest for the child/family who sells the most tickets. Possibly give a \$50 gift card to the winner.

**Field Day/ Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:** PTA will be in charge of lunch for the day. The suggested menu was an all beef hotdog, Sun chips or pretzels, water bottle, and a 100 calorie cookie pack. Nancy Keating is working on having restaurants donate drinks for the day. We need PTA members to help grill, serve & clean up. We also need some pop-up tents. Kim Bruce (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room mom) has a tent. Need to call and ask if she'll bring it.

**Graduation/ Regent University/Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Nancy Keating suggested that at another school the Jr. Class takes care of the food purchase, set-up, serve and clean-up as a gift to the Senior class. She would like to start that tradition at VCA. Christine Beaumont said she would help as a Jr. mom. The Elgut's son, Caleb, is graduating this year. They should not be servants at this event but rather special guests. PLEASE help in this area. ALL JOY PTF members are needed to assist the Jr. families in this service.

**J.O.Y. PTF Member Cookout at the Elguts:** Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5-9pm at the Elguts

**NAME OF PTF:** Originally, this group started as the J.O.Y. (Jesus 1<sup>st</sup>, Others 2<sup>nd</sup>, Yourself last) Club. It was a group of parents who joined together to raise some funds for a playground. Eventually, we became a PTF. However, we feel very strongly that JESUS CHRIST is the KEY to everything and we would like to keep him in our name. It was suggested by Donna Beethoven, the original founder of the J.O.Y. Club, that we keep the J.O.Y. in the PTF name. It was agreed upon by the group and we shall be called the J.O.Y. PTF. ☺

**NEXT MEETING:** May 17, 2010 (Monday) at 7pm

**Psalm 25:2** - *"O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me."*

#### **DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:**

Have you ever noticed that some people get a little embarrassed in a restaurant if you bow your head and mention Jesus as you ask His blessing? They rub their eyebrows or forehead when you pray. Have you ever asked yourself why they're ashamed? I think it is because they don't know what they're missing in Jesus. You see, salvation is a wonderful gift. God sent His Son to die for us. He rose from the grave for us. He ascended into heaven for us. He's coming again for us! How can we be ashamed of this?

**ACTION POINT:**

Next time you go to a restaurant, let your prayer of blessing turn into an evangelistic opportunity with your unsaved friend.

Nehemiah 8:10 The JOY of the Lord is your strength!