

PTF JOY Meeting **Veritas Christian Academy**

“For the JOY of the Lord is my strength” Nehemiah 8:10

700 Oak Grove Station Chesapeake, VA 23320 October 20, 2009 7pm

Board Members Present: Clay Robertson, Donna Beethoven, Alicia Throneberry, Monica Snow, Laura Hernandez, Phil Pitsielis, Andrea Robertson.

Prayer: Steve Warnecke

Mr. Sean Elgut/Opening Remarks:

Last year there was nothing here but the main school building. We are so thankful to the parents who have helped put play equipment on our property and have worked so hard to make improvements here at the school. The children have reaped many benefits from your hard work.

One of the major benefits the school has from the parent association is help with fundraising. Tuition covers 75-80% of school expenses. The balance is made up through fundraising. The second benefit from the PTF is fun activities throughout the year. This year there will be teacher/parent vs. student games, Spirit Nights, and lots of other exciting events. In regard to the monies raised, they will be handled by the school. All monies collected will be sent to the office and handled by the school.

Maria Elgut/Opening Remarks:

The Lord is the provider of the things we need. When ideas are from the Lord – they are a JOY to hear and implement. Harmony is from the Lord. Every week there is something new and it is fun to work with all of you. You are a blessing!

Clay Robertson, President:

Welcome! VCA is a great school. We are here to serve the school. The PTF board is here to come along side & to assist the Elguts. We are here to help them get things done. My goal for the PTF is to get YOU involved. We need you. Right now there are hundreds of different ways you could jump in and serve this school. What are you willing to do? If you have a heart to do something, please let it be known. A few people can only do so much but if everyone helps there's nothing we can't accomplish.

Andrea Robertson, Secretary: Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Donna Beethoven, Vice President:

There was a great turn out for Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A! CFA is under new management. They really went out of their way to make our evening fun and really special. Write your child's class grade on your spirit slip when you order. At the end of the night, the class with the highest number of participants will receive an ice cream party. CFA provided us with yard signs & stickers to promote Spirit Night.

VCA upper school students have been invited to take a business tour of the Aeropostale store in Williamsburg. The manager is a VCA mom. She has given similar tours to William & Mary students.

Alicia Throneberry, Treasurer: Current balance \$5,653.02

A breakdown of all monies received for Jeans Day, Pizza Day, and any and all fundraisers will be available on-line.

Phil Pitsielis, Playground:

Rock Church donated Volleyball goals to VCA. They are portable. They also need to be scraped down and painted. Whenever a need like that comes up it's always fun to get to know the other dads who come out and help.

The kitchen cabinets and the countertops were donated to VCA through one of Phil's contacts. What a blessing! Phil revamped the modular bathroom and turned it into a kitchen with a service window.

Monica Snow, Fundraising:

Pizza – We need one more person to volunteer a month. Please contact Monica at 619-8967 if you or someone you know would like to help.

Parent vs. Student Soccer Game November 14, 2009 at VCA – The Juniors and Seniors will be playing. There will be a gate fee and snacks sold at the event. Proceeds will go towards the Jr./Sr. Trip.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – The next Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A will be a breakfast at night. The cow will be in his P.J.'s. The kids can wear P.J.'s too. Please be modest in your dress.

Towels – Local businesses are being asked to sponsor towels for our sports teams. The VCA Spartan logo is on one side of the towel and the local business info is on the other. If your business is interested in this, please e-mail Monica at monicasnow@cox.net

Andrea Robertson, Ministry Outreach:

St. Mary's Fun Run October 3rd was great! The water stations are a group project. We would like to see more support next year. It's not a big commitment. We were there from 7:30am – 10:30am.

The PTF board toured St. Mary's facility to see how we could best help them as a school.

A. Lower School Children

+ Bird House for their courtyard.

+ Select items off the St. Mary's Christmas wish list & bring them into VCA.

B. Middle School Children will perform a Christmas Concert on December 9th.

C. Upper School children can volunteer for community service at the home

+ Read books on video and create DVDs for the nurses to use for St. Mary's children

(Need a tech savvy person to head up this project!)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. The PTF meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Parents, please try not to bring your children on those nights. There will **not** be babysitting available.

Devotional Thought: The smallest act of kindness is better than the biggest intention.