

## Notes for November 17<sup>th</sup> Ruby Van Meter PTO meeting

### Agenda

1. Introductions-Introductions took place of the present parents and RVM staff members
2. Note taker-Laura Olson was designated as the note taker
3. A recap of PTO activities
  - a. Pizza fundraiser at Fall Open House-didn't do this year
  - b. Homecoming dance-didn't do this year
  - c. Winter Dance-December 12<sup>th</sup> In the past PTO has provided snacks and drinks for patrons
  - d. Valentine's Day dance-provided snacks and drinks for patrons
  - e. Teacher Appreciation Dinners-PTO provided
  - f. Retirement parties-PTO provided
  - g. Basketball Jamboree-biggest fundraiser for PTO
  - h. Graduation-PTO hosts reception and PTO funds yearbooks
  - i. Fundraising activities
    - i. Younker's Days (missed already this year) sell coupon booklets and we would get part of the profits. Make more percentage if we sell in Younker's stores, but we don't think this has been done before.
    - ii. Schwan's-this is an old program and more details need to be researched on this
    - iii. Boxtops-See Jenny Nordstrom regarding this program
    - iv. Jamboree-Scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt. Looking for raffle items
    - v. Other ideas-a parent meet and greet with possible food provided by PTO, inviting resource agencies to conferences, make a pamphlet about PTO to raise participation in PTO, have a PTO table at conferences to raise awareness of PTO and increase participation.
  - j. Raffle-gift bags from Iowa Wild and Iowa Energy
    - i. Getting a list of raffle items
4. Basketball Jamboree planning
  - a. January 29' 2015 at Roosevelt 6:45 pm Will be playing Dowling.
  - b. The announcer is scheduled
  - c. Need to recruit parents and other volunteers
  - d. Raffle-need to secure prizes
  - e. More planning to be done at the December meeting
5. Iowa Energy Primetime
  - a. Available dates-Friday December 19, Monday January 12, and Tuesday January 27-all games start at 7:00 pm.
  - b. Prime Time would be 7 minutes before the game (6:53-7:00 pm)
  - c. Students would get to participate in the fan tunnel while the Energy players take the court
  - d. Would cost RVM \$800 to participate-we could recoup the cost by selling discounted tickets

- e. Gene is going to talk to Dowling to see if super interested and if want to proceed. By Dowling playing in the Prime Time game with us, it could increase ticket sales.
- f. Our student could possibly still participate in the fan tunnel even if we decide not to do the Prime Time event.

#### 6. Meetings

- a. What is best time?-Will stay with two meetings (3:00 and 6:00 pm). Staying with the third Monday of every month.
- b. How do we get more participation?
  - i. PTO table at events-or make stations with information about PTO at events
  - ii. A pamphlet will be designed to highlight PTO involvement in events and our needs-needs are Winter Dance, Valentine's Day Dance, Jamboree, and Teacher Appreciation.
  - iii. Invite service/resource organizations to meet and greet, conferences etc.-Stacy has a list of contacts for these services.
  - iv. Decided that donated items to dances etc. will be brought to school but donated items for the Jamboree will be brought to Cindy.
- c. Best way to communicate meetings
  - i. The entire back of The Viking Voice is available to us. Also utilize an email blast.

#### 7. New Business

- a. Yearbooks-Cost is \$16 for a paper copy. Looking to get money donated to buy yearbooks.