

**Buena Vista Parent Teacher Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**February 8, 2010**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm**

**Welcome, member introductions, sign in**

**Old business:**

- *Financial Review – Michelle Moore*
- *The Garden Project - Michelle*
  - The framework has been completed and paid for
    - Approx 1500.00
  - Items still to be done:
    - We will build raised beds on top of this structure
      - Creates a walking path between beds
      - Brings the work a little closer to the students
      - Reduces the compaction of the earth (fewer feet walking on it)
    - Sprinkler system will be put in
      - Cost of about 500.00
    - Soil to be put down
      - Budgeted 400 - 500
    - Plants to be put in
      - Budgeted about 500.00
  - A Parent work day is being planned to help finish out the beds
    - Line the beds with plastic
    - Fill in the soil
- *Parent Information Night (Thursday January 14th) - Claire Olsen*
  - Approx 30 parents plus their children
  - Very well received
- *Parents Night Out (Friday, January 29th) - Claire Olsen*
  - Cancelled

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- Corresponding assembly had to be cancelled because the presenter was ill
- There seemed to be a lack of interest (it is possible that the cost was prohibitive)
- Upon discussion it was decided to table the idea of a Parents' Night Out for the time being.
- *Puppets*
  - The Puppet Show Assembly was rescheduled to Wednesday February 24th.
    - Assembly for the whole school in the morning
    - Small session for a few students selected by the teachers directly afterward
  - Shadow Puppets Workshop
    - Friday, February 26th 2:30 - 4:30
    - \$5.00 per child *with an adult*
    - Children will make Shadow Puppets
    - Profits will go to the Garden Project
- *The Music Garden and Vestibular Garden*
  - PTA members looked at some items that may be purchased for these gardens
- *Fundraising*
  - It was suggested that BV sponsor a Bingo night or two
    - There is a local Bingo hall that rents the hall to people doing fundraising
      - Staffed by volunteers from BV
      - Open to the public
      - BV gets a percentage of the profits from the night
      - Further research will be done
  - Montessori Catalogs
    - BV has a 100.00 credit from last fall's Montessori catalog fundraiser
    - Michelle Moore will order items for the classrooms
- *Teacher Appreciation - Michelle*

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- The PTA is looking to spend the remainder of the Teacher Appreciation budget to fix up the Teachers' lounge
  - Approx 200.00
  - Claire Olsen will speak with Kathy Pauciello about what they would like
- *PTA membership and meeting attendance*
  - The attendance for PTA meetings is quite low
    - Attendance for this meeting was 4 plus the principal
  - Michelle would like some suggestions on how we can improve attendance
    - Change of venue
    - Fun for the kids
    - Better communication that childcare IS provided
  - Michelle will send out a survey to the BV parents to find out
    - Why they are not attending
    - What would make it easier for them to attend

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm**