**Happy Valley Parent Club  
May 18, 2017 Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Susan Verducci**

**Sarah Demeyer-Guyer**

**Michelle McKinny**

**Maureen Vargas**

**Luanne Hutchins**

**Everett Meisser, Jr.**

**Jen White**

**Annette Olson**

**Heather Wilder**

**Alice Crumrine**

**Alison Pepper**

6:30 PM Call to order  
  
**1. Introductions (Jen):** No newcomers  
  
**2. Approve April Minutes**  
Jen White Makes Motion, Maureen Seconds

All approve  
  
**3. Commitment Sheets and Finance Update (Everett)**We are in good shape to meet our annual goal. Recently got a boost from a corporate match. Redwoods dinner should make-up the remaining fundraising balance.  
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**4. Redwoods Dinner/Auction (Alice)**  
Jen: 68 tickets sold. Cut off next Friday.   
Lots of members from the community are coming.   
Alice: Requests to buy the double easy-up we used at Music Fest, 10 x 15. Costs less than $200. We can use it for the kitchen at Redwoods and at MusicFest. All agree.  
Michelle: Thinking about thanking 6th grade parents that attend thet Redwoods Dinner.   
  
**5. ACTION ITEM: Officer Elections (Jen)**  
We received no additional officer candidates. New officers will be:

Maureen Vargas- President

Heather Wilder- VP

Everett White- Treasurer

Annette Olson- Secretary  
  
**6. ACTION ITEM: Vote to provide funding for HVE (Jen)**

Vote to approve $78,000 for school: Motion By Jen White, Alice seconds. All approved. Note that the cost of provding three aides, art & music, tech, etc. goes up each year as salaries increase.  
  
​**7. Garden / Life Lab Update (Maureen)**  
We’ve written two grants so far, and have two grants to write over the summer. Will total $6,000 if we get it all. Thinking about doing a garden fundraiser: maybe a chili cook-off at someone’s house over the summer.  
  
Garden looks great. It’s becoming transformed. Michelle emphasizes the importance of having a coordinator. This raises the question of funding priorities to pay for funding coordinator. Maureen notes that most grants do not cover stipends or salaries.  
Susan: Maybe we need to include this in parent club survey.   
Discussion about Arts Alive and whether it’s the right priority.

Luanne: Offers to help with part of Arts Alive. Chondra may be willing to help as well as the Friday on-site coordinator.

**8. Officer Announcements**

Alice: Talked to kids about their experience at Music Fest. Based on their feedback, she’d like to have more activities for kids like a petty zoo. Michelle suggests getting animals for free through SPCA or Birchbark Foundation. Alice will provide a budget.

Heather: Suggesting that maybe the Arts Alive profit could in part go to Life Lab.   
  
**9. Open Discussion**

Alison lists our follow-up items for summer and back-to-school:

Everyone agrees that we need to connect with families to make sure they understand how important Parent Club fundraising is. Everett suggests that we meet in small groups with parents.

Survey: Agreement that a survey regarding Parent Club funding priorities should be sent out.

Jen White:. Says the room parents should ask their families if they are getting PC emails. It seems like some people aren’t receiving them based on their inquiries.

All in room express appreciation for Jen White’s service, dedication and many hours as President of Parent Club.

END 7:45