



## Union Valley Elementary PTO

General Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Union Valley Library

### I. Principal's Report:

- A. Have had 2 assemblies already - one paid for by PTO and one free one, GT Rex (recycling). The Illusion Maker is coming Oct 23.
- B. CHAMPS program - fall clubs just started, run for 6 sessions every Wednesday. Basketball club (Mrs. Jackson), Book club (Mrs. Lucier) and Board Games Club (Mrs. Bollard).
- C. SNAP is also going on right now for grades K-2, 15 sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- D. Currently in Week of Respect. Thursday is Picture Day and is a prepaid event. Friday is the Fun Run, wear sneakers to school.
- E. PBIS continues to go well. Students earn good behavior points all month long, and have the opportunity at the end of each month to cash in for a prize or save up points. Point values from 5-100. Principal's chair is popular, as well as "sit with a friend at lunch."
- F. Spirit Day is 10/30 this month.
- G. Halloween is on a half day - for the first time ever, kids are allowed to wear their costumes to school this year. The 5th grade party is from 9-10 in the cafeteria, parade is 10:00-10:30. No parent volunteers are needed this year, but are invited to the parade.
- H. Birthdays are meant to be a small treat for the class. Please don't send in goodie bags to school, it's not meant to be a party.
- I. In November: school is closed 11/4, 11/6-7. Conferences are 11/19-11/21, with evening conferences on 11/20. All parents will receive a sign up genius from their teacher for conferences.
- J. 11/26 early dismissal then closed for Thanksgiving.

### II. Board Updates:

#### A. **Board Report:**

- 1. Welcome back to the new school year! We have had a busy, but good start to our school.
- 2. We are being asked to provide some volunteers in the library for the book fair again this year. A signup genius will be sent out. We will provide funds for the \$5 and under table for students in need.

#### B. **Treasurer's Report:**

- 1. We started the year with a little over \$2000. We did really well with spirit wear sales on Back to School night, we made \$580. Ritas was \$338. Boosterthon is still going on, hoping to hit \$15,000. We spent money on Spotlight student Bingo, teacher back to school lunch, spirit day pretzels. Our ending balance in September was about \$2500.

### **III. Committee Reports:**

#### **A. Communications**

The best source of information will be the PTO monthly newsletters. We will send a paper copy home with students each month and post it on Facebook and Remind. We have heard in the past that for whatever reason some papers just don't make it home, so we encourage all families (regardless of membership status) to either sign up for Remind messages or follow us on Facebook. Our website will continue to remain updated throughout the year with links to any of the handouts sent home.

#### **B. Student Recognition**

1. The first Spotlight Student event was successful.

#### **C. School Store**

1. The first school store dates for the year are October 8 (K-2) and October 15 (3-5).
2. Items are \$1-\$2. Please do not send students in with no more than \$5.

#### **D. Yearbook**

1. Going with Barksdale again. More updates after school pictures are in.

#### **E. Fundraising**

1. Over the summer, we were able to secure many of the same fundraisers that we ran last year. I know it seems like we do a lot of fundraisers, but with a variety of them, it gives everyone the chance for families to participate in what they can, when they can. We certainly do not expect families to participate in every single one and are appreciative of all the support we receive. Union Valley Families really show up. So far we have had a Rita's Night and Chick-fil-A Night. The kids love them, they love a chance to see friends outside of school and as a parent, it's nice to attend to meet to meet or see the families of your kids' school friends. And they bring in great money. Additionally this month, we have Boo Grams and our Panzarotti sale. Forms have gone home for both and will be due on October 21. The Panzarotti will not be delivered until December 4. Upcoming in November, we will have a sale for Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards (can be holiday gifts or used at our Dine & Donate) & Rolls (picked up at the restaurant), so look out for a flyer about them at the end of this month.
2. Disney on Ice is more of a family event than a big fundraiser and we are making a deposit this week and finalizing those details.

3. Looking ahead we are going to have a Clothing Drive on January 10. We will start promoting it now in case people are doing a cleanout and have room to store it. Additionally this is an outside drop off so open really to anyone so feel free to share with family and friends.
4. We are always looking for sponsors, if any business owners are interested.
5. Family photo event is taking place at UV this year. We will have 2 backgrounds and a 5 minute time slot. The date is Friday, 11/14 in the UV cafeteria.

**F. Helping Hands**

1. We are planning to assist again this year with the Book Fair (items on \$5 table) and for Halloween costumes. Last year, we provided the counselors with generic costume items and accessories (pirate, butterfly). These items will be used for students who may not have a costume for the parade, but still wish to dress up. I did reach out to Mrs Bowers and Mrs. Bishop for additional needs. We will reach out to counselors at the end of this month and begin planning for the Giving Tree again in November.

**G. Staff Appreciation**

1. The Welcome Back Luncheon for teachers went very well.
2. We honored custodial staff on National Custodian Appreciation Day with mini trash cans filled with candy and gift cards.

**H. Holiday Shop**

1. Our Holiday Shop is set for December 4th and will be held in the cafeteria.
2. Supplies have been ordered and are on their way.

**I. Bingo Night**

Will be run by the 5th grade committee.

**J. Membership**

1. We started the year with our membership drive. We currently have 102 members of the PTO, (76 families and 26 staff members). All members have been sent their membership gift. We entered those paid member names (72 people) onto the spinning wheel and will raffle off a blanket at this time. Winner was Samantha Salwach who was not present but will be contacted.
2. Families can join the PTO at any point in the year. While paid memberships give members voting rights, we do have an Information Only Membership. All PTO members regardless of status are emailed

Sign Ups for volunteer events. Many present at the meeting likely know this, but if you have neighbors or friends who are interested in volunteering, but not receiving sign ups, please encourage them to join our PTO.

**K. Council of Schools**

Had their first meeting of the year. 11 school are participating. Installation of air conditioning systems at schools as well as other improvements at our buildings, Rooms app, middle school science labs, bus drivers are needed, GTPD spoke to middle schools about vaping, sexting, etc. Fundraiser ideas were blankets, boo grams and Paint Night.

**L. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-**

1. Meeting will be held directly following the PTO meeting.

**M. Spirit Wear**

1. Sold a LOT of old inventory at Back to School Night.
2. Order forms for new Spirit Wear will be coming out next week.

**N. Fun Run**

3 more days to go until the Fun Run and still will be open for another week. Our goal is to be at 50% pledged. About 65% of pledges came from people who aren't parents.

**O. Parent Child Events**

**IV. New Business**

**V. Open Floor:**

Mrs. Lucier came to thank the PTO for all of their help, and everything we do for the staff and for the students, including supporting the Summer Reading Rocks program.

*Meeting began 7:00 PM*

*Meeting ended 7:43 PM*

**Our Next General Meeting is November 11, 2025  
Union Valley Library @ 7:00 PM**