

VAN ZANT PTO MEETING MINUTES

PTO Minutes November 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @ 7:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to wave the reading of October 2014 minutes.

Approved by 1st Jenn Yocum 2nd Heather Ergood

Board

Welcome and thank you for coming out on this cold and rainy evening. Please enjoy the light refreshments. The bulletin board in the school lobby is up to date with flyers and newsworthy events.

Officers Reports

President-Lea Ryan

President's Meeting Recap:

- At the Wednesday meeting, Mr. Scavelli is working on the budget, and teacher negotiations are coming up.
- Math and Focus nights were held.
- No dates have been decided yet on the next school year since Labor Day is late.
- Discussion was held on the last Board of Education meeting.
- Please refer to the Evesham township website for more information.

October recap of events:

- This was a busy and fun filled month. Thank you to all parents who graciously volunteered there time.

Upcoming November and December events:

- The Ornament sale is now being held. The price is \$10, and they are available for purchase through the online store.
- Chick Fil A Night is on Monday evening. Please remember to bring your flyer! The class with the most children will earn a party. You are welcome to eat in or drive thru.
- Turkey Trot will be held. Mr. Guth is collecting can goods.
- The Pretzel Sale and Holiday Shop will be held in December. We are in need of volunteers to help with the Holiday Shop, which is held during the children's library time.

1st VP-Katie Alexander-see committee reports section

2nd VP-Wendy Palfy

- On Monday for the Chick Fil A night, the cow will be at dismissal. Please remember your flyer. Spirit Sticks will be available for purchase, as well.

Recording Secretary-Kristina Kennedy

- Encourage all to sign-in.
- The Volunteer of the month is Dominique Schooley. She received a gift card to Target.

Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Thurow

- A thank you card was received by Mrs. McCann for donating books.
- Congratulations cards were sent to Jan Bradshaw and Colleen Zalis. They both recently became grandparents.

Treasurer-Joanna Litsky – Please see attached treasurer's report..

Principal's Report-Miss McMullen-

- **October was a busy month for us, and all events went seamlessly.**
- **Math Night was great. Thanks to all those who attended.**

- **Student Council elections took place last week.**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences went well.**
- **Parent Visitations will be held on 11/19, from 8:30am -10am.**
- **Turkey Trot will take place on 11/19 at 1:30pm.**
- **Our Thanksgiving Day Feast will be on 11/20 during school lunch.**

Unfinished Business: Elite socks are now on sale, and are available for purchase through our online store.

New Business:

- We are in need of 3 turkeys for donation.
- Booster Thon Fun Run will replace Field Day. This is a fun filled 8 day program.

Committee Reports

- **5th Grade Activities-Jenn Yocum**
- **Art Goes to School – Nicole Meyers**

Thank you to those of you who joined AGTS! Our latest morning was this morning (November 13).

We're learning about the art and artists who created the pieces in our portfolio that we'll be presenting to the students in the spring.

We meet at St. Joan of Arc School in Pedata Hall, 9:30-11am. The upcoming meetings are Thursdays, November 20; we'll take a break in December and start back up in January. We hope to see you there!

- **Blood Drive- Chris Sauer**

- **Book Fair: Jini Webb**

This event saw a 20% increase since last year. There was \$ 5, 960 total sales. We earned \$1, 490 cash back. The next Book Fair will be held February 23- 27.

- **Box Tops- Sarah Barkow**

Mrs. Steven's class won 1st place with 659 box tops. The top 3 classes won spirit sticks, including Mrs. Alexy's class and Mrs. Casale's class. A total of 4, 576 box tops were collected for the school = \$457. The next contest will be held in the spring.

Also, please sign up your Shoprite card at www.shopriteformyschool.com for additional box tops.

- **By-Laws-Elissa Smith**

- **Fun Fair- Kerry Anyzek**

Volunteers are needed to help with Cake walk and to assist in soliciting donations.

- **Holiday Shop- Jenine Dolores**

On December 3, holiday shop letters and envelopes will be sent home. Set-up will begin on Friday, December 5. Jenine received a package from the holiday shop company and she will set up a meeting with Wendy Palfy to discuss the specifics on what needs to be done.

Holiday Shop runs from 12/8 through 12/12.

- **Hospitality- Katie.**

The 4th and 5th grade Chorus Concert will be held on December 9. A flyer will be coming home soon requesting food donations and a sign-up genius has been made for this event.

- **Market Day- Laura Gebhar/Jenn Yocum**

Jenn reported that Pick up is on Tuesday 6pm, by the main office. The orders for December need to be placed by 12/10.

- **Membership - Jean Marie Farkas.**

There are 295 paid PTO members.

Newsletter- Heather Ergood

The October newsletter was sent. The November newsletter will be coming out soon.

- **PTO Photographer- Jaime Frangella**

So far we have taken pictures at Trunk or Treat and at the Halloween parties. Jaime and Violet are communicating with each other about the events that need coverage. The next event is Chick Fil A, and Jaime will be there to take pictures.

- **Pretzel Sales- Karen Maratea**

A flyer will be coming home at the end of the month. The sale will run from 12/1-12/15; and delivery will be on 12/23. The pretzels will be in the shape of a candy cane.

- **Recreation- Karen Glenney**

We had 20 decorated cars and 178 treaters at Trunk or Treat. The winner was the O'Connor Family; they received a \$20 Target gift card. A discussion on possibly make changes to next years' event with asking Cherokee kids to assist us for exchange of service hours.

Room Representatives-Jean Marie Farkas

The classroom Halloween parties went smoothly.

- **School Board Liason- Sue Wilder**

A power point presentation was shown on state test scores. It was presented by Dani Macgulick, and can be found on the township website. The Board of Elections Results are: Joanne Harmon, Elaine Barbogiovanni and Sandy Student.

Three Board members (Harmon, Everhart and Manfield) called for Kevin Stone to resign. And Mr. Fiscaro was not silent and does not appear to be a supporter of Mr. Stone.

Be informed. Go to meetings. Vote accordingly.

- **School Store- Jini Webb**

The 1st school store went well with the use of our new prepaid cards. Letters were sent to families who had \$1 or less left on their card. The next school store is 11/4.

- **Science Spectacular- Lea Ryan**

Letters were sent home to parents asking for volunteers to assist in this amazing event. We have 12 confirmed presenters, including the Franklin Institute. The event will be held on April 17.

- **Volunteer Recruitment- Barb LaRue**

- **Website-Krista Connor**

Next Meeting

December 11th @ 7:00 pm VZ Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. and was passed unanimously.
Approved by 1st Betsy Veitch 2nd Jenn Yocum