

VZ PTO MEETING MINUTES

PTO Minutes May 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Lea Ryan @ 7:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to wave the reading of April minutes.

Approved by 1st Nicole Meyers 2nd Jean Marie Farkus

Board

Thank you for coming. Thank you to Dana Stancati for providing hospitality.

Officers Reports

President -Lea Ryan

April: PTO sponsored Magic Show, Skating Party-thank you to Bridget for organizing, AGTS-superintendent and curriculum director where there for 1st presentation, School Store, PJ's night, Mulch delivery/Courtyard, Senior Citizen Theater-on behalf of PTO donated 5-\$5 gift cards and desserts, Cicone's fundraiser

May: 5th grade pasta night thank you to Carraba's, Teacher appreciation lunch May 9, Fun fair Saturday, May 10 rain or shine, May 20 5th grade to visit DeMasi middle school, Showstoppers 6:30pm May 22, May 29 1:30pm recorder concert, May 30 at 6 pm Ice Cream Social and Star Watch

June: June 3 Field Day, June 4 at 9 am Kindergarten Tea, June 4 PTO President's meeting, June 11 at 7 pm 5th grade band recital, June 16 at 5 pm 5th grade pool party, June 18 PTO dinner at PJ's, June 19 Mr Softee

1st VP-Katie Alexander-see committee reports section- PTO Happy Hour is June 18 at PJ Whelians flyers will be going out, it will be \$13 per person from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

2nd VP-Wendy Palfy

Spring Spirit Sale: The sale is over, and we are just waiting for the items. It looks like we made \$173.00. Every little bit helps, so thanks for supporting the Spirit Wear.

P.J.'s Dine & Donate: Thank you to everyone who came out. We made \$350.00 that night. It was nice to see families that you don't always see. Great night, and no cooking. A win win for Moms!

Cicones Dine & Donate: They said it was a great turn out. We don't know how much we made yet, but thank you to everyone who ate pizza on April 29th.

Upcoming:

Staples Schoolkidz: I am currently working with Staples to revise our school supply lists as there have been a few changes from last year. It looks like the info should go home in a week or two. At that time, you can order all of your school supplies online. NO Back to School Shopping! Anyone that dreads school supply shopping, this Non-fundraiser is for you! We do not inflate the prices. The prices of all the school supplies are reasonable. It is simply a service for our parents.

It looks like the school supply kits will be delivered the second week in August. And parents will have to pick them up prior to the start of school. We did it last year, and the products were great! They even sharpened all of the pencils. I highly recommend it.

Riversharks Beef -n- Beer: Friday, August 1st. This is a family friendly event. A ton of fun. It will be \$30.00 for an adult ticket, and \$25.00 for a child ticket. Your ticket includes entrance to the game, 1 ½ hour all you can eat buffet, 2 beer tickets (for adults), and bracelet to the fun zone. You can watch the game from the air conditioned Diamond Café, or from the stadium. As well as watch the fireworks after the

game. It was awesome last year, and I highly recommend this event. I am not a baseball person, but it was a truly fun night.
I will pass around the menu, if anyone is interested in seeing what they offer.

Recording Secretary-Kim Kulinski Encourage all to sign-in.

Corresponding Secretary-(Katie reported) Thank you notes received from Beth Kromish for flowers, and multiple Science Spectacular thank you notes from teachers, grade

Treasurer-Marianne Vandyk- Reviewed & detailed P&L statement see report.

Principal's Report-Miss McMullen

Introduced Mrs. Wasdick-thank you PTO for T-shirts for Showstoppers, this year theme is a Kids Life.

Miss McMullen-thank you to PTO for all the events. Miss McMullen talked about Facebook comments that were going around re: NJ Ask-this test is not pushed on the kids, it is not part of their grade, we try and have them relax. Cannot opt out of NJ-Ask test you must participate if you are in attendance for those 2 weeks.

Committee Reports

- **Art Goes to School**-Nicole Meyers-thank you to all parents that were able to come out, there was a Gecko sculpture donated and there will be a contest to name him, and will be in the library, the children nominated Monet Water Lilies 2 as a print for the school.
- **Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels/Capri Sun-** Sarah Barkow(Lea reported)-\$1400 check from last 2 contests was received. There will be another contest before the end of year.
- **Fifth (5th) Grade Activities** –Ana Heras/Maria Ferguson-(Katie reported) Thank you to all those that volunteered for 5th grade pasta night, we had 104 adults/children, 6 teachers and 47 5th graders.
- **Fun Fair-** Kerry Anyzek and Nicole Bailer-(Katie reported)-as of yesterday we had \$135 less in advance ticket sales from last year. Jean Marie has the kitchen organized, there will be no bake sale this year, it will be place by register with food sales. Cake walk is ready to go. Prize room items are still needed the committee will purchase more items at Dollar Store and Five and Below. Jean Marie will give Kerri left over money from Bottom Dollar gift card to use for prizes. Thank you for cake batter donations. There are 74 raffle baskets which is up from last year, need plastic coffee cans for tickets at baskets. If you can come help clean up after Fun fair around 1:30 pm.

- **Hospitality** Dana Stancati-(Katie reported) thank you for donations for tomorrows luncheon, Dana will set up Showstoppers
- **Market Day** Jen Yocum & Lauren Gephart-(Lauren reported) sales for April were down. Orders are due May 21st, sale 27th delivered
- **Membership/Room Reps-** JeanMarie Farkas-1 new member taken in
- **Newsletter** Wendy Durate-(Lea reported)-Pictures and blogs are in process
- **Recreation** Bridget Nelson-Ice Cream Social is Friday May 30, we have prices for ice cream. Need volunteers to help scoop. There will be telescope set up by Bernie Hosko to look at Saturn that night as well.
- **School Board Liaison** Sue Wilder-(Katie reported) Next year budget was approved, activity fees will be \$95 for Middle school students and \$80 for elementary students.
- **School Store** Jini Webb-(Katie reported) at this time we will have 1 more on June 6 for ½ day kindergarten only. We can try and have an additional school store in June, possibly June 19 the same day as Mr. Softee. Katie will touch base with Mrs. Web
- **Volunteer Recruitment**-Barb LaRue-Thank you to all those that have volunteered for fun fair. We have 16 Cherokee High School volunteers from Honors Society, Student Council and ECC counselors.
- **Website**-Krista Connor-nothing reported

Announcements: Lauren Gephart filled in for nominating chair: There were no volunteers from the floor. Nominated for President Lea Ryan, 1st VP Katie Alexander, 2nd VP Wendy Palfy, Corresponding Secretary- Lisa Thorough, Treasurer Joanna –

Education Expo will be October 2, 2014 it will be child related services, food will be sold. June 3 will be field day, Mr. G has organized great games, and there will be sign up genius for volunteers

Teacher Incentive Winners for April: Mrs. Casale and Mrs. Ricciardi

Raffle Winners-Arlene Harvey, Barb LaRue, Lauren Gephart, Lisa Thorough

Next Meeting:

June 12 @ 7:00 pm VZ Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:02 p.m. and was passed unanimously.