



PTO Meeting Minutes June 14, 2016

Present at meeting:

Parents, teachers, administrators, and friends of the Doran family, attended the end of the year celebration dinner at Chimney Rock Inn.

Minutes from previous meeting

The meeting minutes from May 18, 2016 were approved.

President's Report

Co-presidents Jill Long and Darcy Carn welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. Darcy commented on the wonderful turnout for the dinner. She thanked the executive board, chairpersons, and all the volunteers that helped make it a successful year. With the help of all the volunteers and the generosity of parents, the PTO was able to raise approximately \$79,000. She spoke about the many events and grant requests that the PTO was able to sponsor. This couldn't have been done without so many people working together. Darcy mentioned that the Millington Book Fair is Thursday, June 16th. Also the Super 50/50 winners will be called on the last day of school. So far \$4,000 has been raised.

Financial Report/PTO Budget for 2016-17

Alex summarized the school grants that were issued this year. She presented the PTO budget for the 2016-17 school year. The budget was voted on and approved. It may be viewed on the district website.

Fundraising 2014-2015

Bingo	\$13,180.00
Box Tops	3,077.00
Book Fairs	1,092.00*
Buzz Books	3,509.00
Food Day	28,695.00
Ice Cream Day	2,428.00
Fall Fundraiser	4,787.00
Holiday Shoppe	821.00
Coupon Books	3,383.00
Restaurant Fundraiser	498.00
Talent Show	5,383.00
Spirit Wear	959.00
Wizards game	8,316.00
Staples School Supply	2,078.00
Family Photos	625.00
TOTAL	\$78,831.00

*Please note this is only Gillette's Book Fair

Review of Teacher and Administrative Grant Requests

Gillette: Dr. Seuss books
iPod nano

Millington: 11 Smart Boards
Bookcases for two teachers
IPad apps
10 Kindles and cases
Laminator
Binding Machine
Wristbands for gym classes

Central: Aida DVD and Study Guide
Graphic novels for Central library
Volley Ball Stands
Vibraphone for music department

PTO Events/Expenditures

Cultural Arts Programs:

Gillette School

If You Give a Moose a Muffin
Key Wilde & Mr. Clarke

Millington School

Liberty Science Center:

3rd grade - Science Circus, 2nd grade - Creepy Crawlies,
4th grade - Dose of Gross, 5th grade - Science Sportacular

Kit's Interactive Theatre:

2nd & 3rd grades - Colonial Life, 4th & 5th grades - The American Revolution

Bash the Trash: 2nd grade for environmental day concert

Central School

Shakespeare Residency – 8th grade
Mask Messenger – 7th grade
BJ Ward – 6th grade poetry residency
Tiger Tones - all school assembly
Ryan's story - all school assembly

Author Visits:

2nd & 3rd grades - Sarah Weeks
4th grade - Lisa Graff
5th grade - Phil Bildner
Gillette School - Paulette Bogan
Central School - Gordon Korman

Grade Specific Events:

Kindergarten Workshop, Environmental Day, International Day, Science Fair, Colonial Day, Medieval Day, Victorian Day, 8th Grade Breakfast

Other Various Programs:

BrainPop – District Subscription
Library donations to all three schools
Staff Appreciation Lunches
WHRHS Scholarship
Central School Consortium Program
Central School Tiger Talk newspaper
5th Grade DARE program
Millington and Gillette Field Days
Millington Phys-Ed Fun Day

Secretary's Report

Lisa read thank you cards and letters that were received from:

- Rich Sofie, also known as “Ranger Rick, Trail Guide”, who appreciated the generous gift which he will use towards his programs. He was very impressed with our Environmental Day program, chaired by Christina Russotti and Kathy O’Leary
- Andrew Gillespie, 7th grade teacher, who appreciated the BabiesRUs gift card.
- Kimberly Borin, Donna Schmitz, and Suzanne Aiello who thanked the PTO for the delicious Staff Appreciation luncheon.

Teacher’s Report

Mrs. Powers thanked parents for donating gently used games that will be used during inside recess. She has enjoyed being the teacher’s liaison and looks forward to next year.

Administration Report

Dr. Acevedo thanked parents, staff, administrators, and Board of Ed members. He acknowledged the countless hours that PTO volunteers spend on various events and programs for the good of the students. He congratulated each retiree. He shared how excited he was about the upcoming year.

Acknowledgement of retiring teachers

On behalf of the PTO, Jill congratulated Mary Beth Bawarshi (15 years), Bonnie Plotkin (14 years), and Margaret Givens (10 year) on their retirement. Jill spoke about each retiree and wished them all the best in their future endeavors. The PTO is extremely grateful for their many years of dedication and excellence.

Virginia Doran Volunteer of the Year Award

Sally Dreyer and Jean Erickson explained how the Virginia Doran Volunteer Award began six years ago. They spoke very fondly of Virginia and described the type of person and volunteer she was. It wasn’t just how much she volunteered but *how* she volunteered: with grace, patience, dedication, and optimism. Virginia was also very involved in the Long Hill community as a Girl Scout leader, CCD teacher, and Lacrosse coach. She was the epitome of a genuine friend and is sincerely missed.

This year the Virginia Doran Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Angela Cuonzo. Angela was described as selfless, honest, hardworking, caring, and like Virginia, a “true volunteer.” Throughout the years, Angela has chaired numerous events and is very quick to respond “sure, I’ll help” when asked. The PTO is greatly appreciative of Angela’s dedication and generosity.

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