September PTO Meeting: 9/4/19

Meeting called to order by Gina Minetti at 7:02pm.

Members in Attendance: Gina Minetti, Anne Lasecki, Kim Troesch, Sheryl Maliwat, Shari Teigeler, Jessica Ipema, Janith Cour, Juli Cosentino, Tiffany Hamill, Tracy Blake, Liz Wegner, Yvette McGrath, Bridget Martino, Carrie Fazekas, Carrie Hoekstra, Lolade Mitchell

Introductions: Board and present PTO members introduced themselves. Ms. Cosentino was introduced as Millennium's new principal, and she is excited to rejoin the Millennium family. May Minutes from last year were reviewed for approval.

Recaps:

OPEN HOUSE-A new layout in gym with two entry points received positive feedback. Class sign ups for parties may change to classrooms next year as there was congestion at the table. Back door was locked causing upset parents. Both parking lots are necessary because of large number of attendees, and the back door should be unlocked as well to allow families parking in the back of the school lot to have access to the building. Ms. Cosentino will make sure back doors are unlocked next year for Open House along with the front doors.

BOO HOO TEA (Gina Minetti)-New ideas were shared with Ms. Consentino about activities for next year by the Kindergarten teachers. Event went well and had a great turnout. Parents liked being organized by classroom teacher to get to know other parents in their own child's classroom. Name change for the event was brought up.

Treasurer's Report (Kim Troesch)-Budget changes were reviewed, and funds were compared from fundraisers in 2017/2018 to 2018/2019 school year. Teacher reimbursements will be increased to $75 per classroom increasing that budget from $2,000 to $3,125 ($1,125 increase). Assemblies budget was increased $200 to provide quarterly gift cards for positive school behavior assemblies. Accountant fees went from $500 to $550. Becky added the Back to School Breakfast to the budget, but that wasn't needed due to a donation from PDQ. Boo Hoo Tea budget went from $75 to $100. Organizational Fees/Bank Charges increased from $100 to $115. Paper towel costs were left in the budget but should not be needed this year due to the Paper Towel Challenge donations last year. Teacher Appreciation Lunch was increased from $550 to $600. Volunteer Gifts and Raffle Cards decreased from $500 to $400. Yearbook credit of $496.72 was received from LifeTouch because they charged us tax last year. New copier will be added into the budget. Winter Market was discovered to be on the same day as the Tinley Toyland Parade, but the members didn't think it would be a problem for turnout.

Principal's Report (Ms. Juli Cosentino)-Map testing started with little computer issues. Silent Lunch was put to an end. Conversation skills and etiquette need to be taught and practiced. Falcon Fine Dining is in the works. Tablecloths and plastic candles to practice good lunchroom etiquette will be held once a month. Fabulous Falcon tickets are going to be given as incentives

for good behavior, and tickets will be used to draw names for students to participate in all school game assemblies.

Teacher Liaison Report (Tiffany Hamill)-Donna Johnson is missing a ball that was received on campus. If ball does not turn up, the PTO will repurchase for her. Teacher's PTO Membership dues were turned over the Kim Troesch, and calendar magnets will be distributed. Raz Kids for K and 1st grades will be purchased for this school year by the PTO. Teachers can pay upfront and be reimbursed by the PTO. Slant boards (1 per classroom) will be purchased by the PTO but more info is needed on costs and brands. Teachers requested headphones for testing on the Ipads to be put as an Add On option next year in the school supply kit for each grade level. Teachers wanting to start using them this year will contact parents individually by class.

Upcoming Events:

Spirit Wear -Concern that t-shirts ran out at Open House. Parents would like to see more variety in the shirts and see the tie dye t-shirt return. This fall will be the last year to buy the 20th Anniversary t-shirt. Cinch bags will be added to spirit wear. Pictures will be added on the order forms of each item. Spirit wear display case will soon be put together in the front of the school. Jen Poortinga and Lisa McCarty are remaining the co-chairs.

Helicopter Flyover (Shari Teigeler)-Event will be 9/13/19. DJ will play 7-7:45am. Dunkin Donut munchkins and coffee will be picked up in the am. Additional munchkins may need to be purchased. Due to allergies only kids with parents will get donuts. Ground will be spray painted to help with the formation. Ms. Cosentino will get a list of teachers willing to come help out since it's outside of contractual time.

Walk to School (Lauren Pasek)-Request to change the time by 5 minutes to allow extra time to get students to class on time. Event will run 7:35 arrival-7:55 departure on 9/19/19. Shoes will be hung in the same location as last year and will remain until the teachers need the hall space at which time the school can pull them down or Lauren will come out and take them down. $5 gift cards will be purchased from the raffle tickets handed out to students participating. Grade with the most participation will win a walking stick for each classroom. Students arriving by car cannot get a raffle ticket. Parents wanting to volunteer can go to Signup.com.

Box Tops -Box tops will not be clipped any longer. This year's remaining Box tops collected will still count when turned in, but they will expire in 2020. Now there's a Box Top App to scan receipts to earn money for a chosen school. You must download the app and add Millennium Elementary School. School would like to set a goal to raise, and if the school reaches a set goal then the principal may get a pie in the face or another fun idea but it will be a no cost reward. Laura Garrity is remaining the chairperson.

Popcorn Popping (Yvette McGrath)-Change the start time to 8am. Volunteers are needed. Popcorn will be popped in the PTO Kitchen. Trisha (popcorn popping chair from last year) will go over the popping process with Yvette.

Yearbook-Theme was released as "To Infinity and Beyond." Students were excited to see that all of the qualifying covers submitted were included in the yearbook. That would be great to continue this year moving forward with the new entries that are submitted. Mrs. Sinderson is in charge of the yearbook, and Sandy Murray has volunteered to be our school photographer and Tiffany Mullarkey may continue taking photos at staff and in-house events Sandy cannot attend. PTO discussed eliminating paper yearbook orders altogether next year to avoid confusion of ordering online and in a paper order form. This year, PTO will eliminate paper orders in March; that will be online only. October will be the last time to order through school. Online purchases send confirmation of purchase receipts so parents will have record of their orders. This will be revisited at the end of the year for next school year.

Taffy Apples (Sheryl Maliwat)-Cupid Candies will be used this year in place of Affy Taffy Apples. Apples will be picked up form school on 10/25/19. Sheryl offered to deliver apples to homes as well in lieu of after school pickups. Due to allergies no food can go home in student backpacks. Friday night pickups were questioned as the best option for pickup.

Book Fair (Shari Teigeler)-Book Fair will be Oct. 15-17 and last for 3 days again and will be located in the hallway again. Book Fair will be open the Grandparent's Night. Volunteers are needed to run bookfair. Side note-Grandparent's Night will have a PTO sponsored craft, snacks, and the book fair open to families. More chocolate chip cookies are needed. Prices will be checked at Meijer and Sam's Club.

Movie Nights (Yvette McGrath)-The first movie night is 11/8. Lego Movie 2 was suggested as movie choice. Movie license will expire in 2020 and need to be added to the budget to repurchase.

Saunoris -The items will remain the same this year in the fundraiser because they were received well. Jen O'Shea is remaining the chairperson.

Winter Market (Gina Minetti)-Winter Market will be held on Saturday 12/7. Kim Troesch will handle concession food. Carrie Hoesktra will handle vendors. Jen O'Shea will handle the raffle donations, and Anne Lasecki will assist in donation collection. Donation collection started late last year and is still continuing. Anne Lasecki will handle the crafts. There will be a chair to handle Santa's Secret Shop. Donations are being requested to help replace damaged decorations from the previous year's Winter Market. Balloon artist will be contacted and asked to return. Metallic balloons were a huge hit. Ideas for a kids' door prize were tossed around. Santa will return (either the regular Santa from the previous years or Kim Troesch's dad). Gina Minetti applied to Points of Light and received 20 Disney tickets. 4 will be held for the Fun Run this year, and the other 16 will be raffled off at Winter Market as it's a huge draw for raffle sales. New décor and signs are needed. Gina will work on new signage. Wax Hands will be a PTO commissioned activity. A small $2.00 charge was discussed that could be purchased at the concession stand. Tickets can be given then to give to Wax Hands helpers. Money collected to

go to tipping the Wax Hand attendants or, if a tip is not necessary then, will go back to the PTO for another use later.

Hot Lunch (Bridget Martino and Carrie Fazekas)-PDQ is closing, and they were a vendor on our hot lunch form. Orders will need to be refunded or replaced by another company. Salina's was one suggested option if they could do a similar order for the same price.

Restaurant Kickback Nights -Some ideas were Chuck E. Cheese, Gattos, Freddy's, Culver's and White Castle. Chair will contact Laura Garrity for more ideas of restaurants that do kickback nights.

Tracy Blake reported back about the sales of Simply Qpons books. They expire in Dec 2021 for the next set, so we could preview some of the books at Winter Market, and the coupons will be good for a year. Students can each be sent home with a book. Loss of books will not cost the PTO. No minimum is required to sell, and Millennium will receive $10 from each $20 book sale (50% kickback). The company will deliver a set number of books based on the number of students we have.

Nothing Bundt Cakes will not be a fundraiser as it didn't do so well last year, but we will invite them to be a vendor at Winter Market.

Meeting closed by Gina Minetti at 8:19pm.