

**Valley Ridge Academy**  
**PTO General Membership Meeting & Breakfast**  
**September 19th, 2016**  
**8:30am**  
**VRA Cafeteria**  
**Prepared by Heather Shearon**

Welcome by Molly Molis and a special thanks and welcome to our sponsor Ponte Vedra Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics. Also, welcome to our School Board Representative, Kelly Garerra, who congratulated VRA on receiving the 5 Star Award.

**Molly Molis** – Call to order at 9:01am.

**Heather Shearon – Secretary Report**

- Motion to approve minutes from the last General Membership meeting on 5/13/16. Motion passed.

**Molly Molis – President’s Report**

- Introduction of PTO Executive Board Members
- Discussed that the role of the PTO is to provide funds to the school through fundraising, membership and business partners. Funds raised help support events at the school, fund teacher and staff requests, etc...
- Upcoming Events:
  - Hawk Swap Shop (builds on the Character Counts program) will be on 9/28/16
  - Spirit Sticks will be sold the last Friday of each month during lunch for \$1 (Spirit Sticks can also be earned through school clubs, character counts, classroom incentives, etc....)
  - Harvest Hoedown Fall Festival – 10/22/16 from 3-6pm. PTO members are allowed early entrance at 2pm.
  - Book Fair – Middle School (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will be 10/12-10/14 and Elementary (PreK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade) will be 10/17-10/21. The Book Fair will be in Villa 9 this year. It will be open one night for extended day families as well as during the Fall Festival. A sign-up genius will be sent out soon to those who indicated they were interested in volunteering at the Book Fair.
  - Celebrate the Night (Tammy Greco is the chairperson) – Possibly host with Nease High School on 11/10/16. Proceeds will be split with K9 for Warriors and will honor our Armed Forces and Veterans.
  - Symphony Under the Stars – 1/27/17. More information to come.
  - Middle School Dance – 10/14/16
  - Movie Nights – Dates will be announced once available.
- Thank you to Chrissy Webb for an amazing job chairing the Hawk Hike.
- Thank you to Robin Modansky & Raquel Manning, our Spirit Wear Chairs, who are doing an amazing job. The Spirit Wear online shop will close on 9/20/16 until the Winter items are available.

- Tori Long has agreed to be our Staff Appreciation chairperson. More information to come on this in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.
- Recognition and thanks given to all our business partners. Please check them out on the PTO website.

#### **Maria Salomon – Treasurer’s Report**

- Treasurer’s Report provided showing income from 1/1/16 through 9/17/16 of \$62,705.63.
- Please email Maria anytime with questions.

#### **Lauren Kersting & Tory Eulenfeld – VP of Membership**

- Currently 317 families have joined the PTO for the 2016-2017 school year
- Breakfast Recipe Winners (judged by Mr. Lee, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Sparks)
  - Breakfast Breads: 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Blueberry Banana Chocolate Chip Bread by Ericka Curran and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was Swedish Tea Ring by Annette Davis
  - Potato & Grits: 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Grits a la Angela by Elaine Vulcano Parker and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was Smoked Gouda Grits by Crissy Williams
  - Breakfast Casserole: 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Blueberry French Toast Casserole by Laura Dulka and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place was SEC Casserole by Chad Kersting

\*Winning Recipes will be posted on the PTO website.

#### **New Business**

- Tory Eulenfeld made a motion to amend the standing rules to get rid of the 3 levels of membership (\$25 general, \$100 soaring hawk, \$10 staff). Motion seconded. Motion passed.
- Molly Molis made a motion to move money to Spirit Sticks and the Fall Basket Fundraiser from Charleston Wrap and Yankee Candle as Charleston Wrap & Yankee Candle are school fundraisers and not PTO fundraisers. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

**The next General Membership meeting will be held in the evening. Date to be announced.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45am**