

Vernon Township High School
SCA ZOOM Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

Attendees: Dayna Germinario, Dianne Falcone, Joanne Jarosz-Quaranta, Keren Gonen, Pam Zachowski, & Lindsay LeDuc Young

The meeting commenced with the flag salute at 12:34pm.

We commenced the meeting by welcoming Pam Zachowski as our new Corresponding Secretary. She was unanimously voted in by Keren Gonen and seconded by Dayna Germinario. Also welcomed to the meeting was the new VTHS principal Mrs. Lindsay LeDuc Young, with introductions all around.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved by Keren Gonen and seconded by Joanne Jarosz-Quaranta.

Treasurer's Report: June's report: Beginning and ending balance was \$4754.65. We received \$7.00 in donations at our Back to School Night and will be depositing the donations along with the bingo proceeds.

Mrs. LeDuc suggested printing a QR code for future Back To School night donations, and other events, for use with Cheddar Up, an digital way to collect donations. Dianne will look into that.

There are 230 seniors this year, so we decided to keep the current budget of \$1500 for the seniors gifts from the SCA. This year we plan on starting in winter to explore senior gift ideas, rather than waiting until spring.

We have been asked to donate \$10 to the District Wide IT department. They are putting together a gift for them. IT day was on Sept 20th.

We also unanimously agreed to putting together a small luncheon for the custodians, for custodial appreciation day which is Oct 2nd. We will celebrate them on Monday, October 3rd. There are a total of 11 custodians. Mrs. LeDuc offered to make sure the luncheon was set up for them. Dayna will arrange the delivery.

Principal's Report:

- Back to School night went well with a pretty good turn out, with positive feedback from teachers and parents
- Hispanic Heritage Month started on the 16th. Joanne mentioned that the Vernon Historical Society wanted to donate \$1000 to the high school for something possibly history related. Mrs. LeDuc advised us it is on the agenda this week to accept the gift from them.
- A Therapy dog visits every Wednesday starting last week. The courtyard has been cleaned up and they are looking for someone to donate a corn hole game
- Unit lunch reconfiguration is going really well this year and eating areas have been moved to non carpeted areas, they can lunch in the lower library, the gym, the lunch room, the school store area, etc.
- New safety and security procedures put in place to detect air quality to see if students are vaping. It works tremendously and has declined the amount of usage dramatically
- Spirit week and the Home Coming Dance are coming up as well as Week of Respect
- Home Coming Game is Oct 7th followed by the dance tentatively scheduled for the 10/8
- There is no SCA in High Point. Mrs. LeDuc discussed with us how she appreciates having an SCA at VTHS!

Old/On going Business:

- Our Back-To-School Bingo, the 1st bingo of the year, went very well. There were just under 100 people in attendance. For future bingo date bookings, we will be sure to check in with Mr. Foley to see if there are any football games going on. That night there was an away game in Jefferson and that effected our attendance, as people who normally participate couldn't come because of the game.
- Scholarship award ceremony in June also went well. We gave out our 4 Art Recognition Scholarship Awards. 3 of the 4 recipients were present. Those 3 students also agreed to allow the SCA to frame their artwork to be put on permanent display at the high school. Dayna dropped the artwork at the framers and once they are completed, she will deliver them to the school for the custodial staff to hang them for all to enjoy for years to come.
- The partnership we had with a new florist for graduation flowers this year worked out very well. We will be partnering with Dante again for 2023 graduation

New Business:

- Senior gift-discussion; noted above in the Treasurer's report
- The car show fundraiser is underway for may 21st . We will have further discussions regarding the car show soon.
- We have agreed to donate to Keith Hawkins again this year. The \$1000.00 check needs to be submitted by 11/14.
- Next Bingo date is 10/14/22, then 2 more in Spring, March 24, 2023 and April 21, 2023
- Next SCA meeting 10/20/22

Motion to adjourn at 1:31pm by Dayna Germinario and seconded by Keren Gonen.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayna Germinario / Recording Secretary