

**Thompson Middle School
PFA Meeting**

January 9, 2017

Call to order: 9:15 am

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Principal's report

All school assemblies will be announced in advance on the school website. Parents will be able to contact school with any concerns or questions.

Class trips need to be tied to the district curriculum. Mrs. Muratore has been working diligently looking for new trips. The 8th grade class trip this year will be to Liberty Science Center.

The school is looking into starting a ski club. Be on the lookout for additional details.

The long range planning committee for our district is looking into class size. There have been no definitive talks concerning redistricting

We are looking into revamping the electives offered to our students.

Students dropped off before 7:40am will need to walk around to the front of the school building where a security guard will let them in. The side door will not be opened until 7:40 when there will be faculty coverage.

December Students of the Month

6th Grade Courtney Covino

7th Grade Danny Vadon

8th Grade Jordon Keagy

January Students of the Month

6th Grade Ian Macrae

7th Grade: Reese McDonnell

8th Grade: Daniella Sarci

President's report

Granny's Attic numbers are in! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Orlando with any questions. Please note, the additional security we needed to hire for this event affects the total profit. Also note, the additional security expense will occur in subsequent years.

A big thank you to Mrs. Felder for bringing Dr. Mykee Fowlin to our school. His mission is to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion, not just tolerance towards all people. All students and faculty had the opportunity to witness his amazing presentation.

Faculty of the year forms were available at the meeting and on the school website. *We are happy to announce Mr. Freeman is Thompson Middle School's teacher of the year for 2016-2017.(announced after meeting day but*

before posting to website)

Grant forms were distributed to all staff. Our grant meeting will be held the first week in February. Grant money will be distributed soon after.

Pic Meeting January 10, 2017. Please see the school website and the district website for a link to the minutes.

Granny's Attic

Libby Roberge would like to thank everyone that participated in making Granny's Attic a huge success. Here is her original text:

36th Annual Granny's Attic Thank You

With another successful Granny's Attic behind us, my co-chair Trish Welch and I would like to take a moment to thank the nearly 300 parent, student, faculty and staff volunteers for their amazing work to make this event possible.

With that said, we'd be remiss to not make special mention of the dedicated sub-committee chairs who not only volunteered their time during the summer but continued through the busiest months of the school year organizing, coordinating and working the event.

In no particular order we'd like to thank:

Vera Piasecki for her tireless work coordinating the taping of the hallways and rooms for the vendors. We would have been lost without her this year!

Marianne August and Allyson Paterno for making Granny's Bake Shop so successful.

Cristina Young and Susie Hot for once again bringing all the moving parts together in the Kitchen. A huge endeavor considering more than 1000 people are served by the end of the day.

Michele Denery and Lynda Rohrman for helping get the word out through flyers and posting signs and banners in the area.

Judy Musa, Cathy Rasa and Emily Johnson for taking on the Raffle and 50/50 with amazing enthusiasm.

Maria Libretti and Carolyn Meo for bringing the volunteer sign up process from pen and paper to on-line this year.

Dawn Turanski for her patience heading the students decorating the school.

Trish and I can't thank **Michele Glynn** enough for her help every step of the way – just when she thought she was done! And, **Claudia Healy** coming back to assist us with the financials. Of course we can't not mention Mr. Kirkpatrick and staff for always greeting our questions and requests with a smile and, most of the time, a "yes" to whatever we needed.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank **Trish Welch** who is not here but is already knee deep in vendor applications for 2017. While most of us sat on the beach this summer, she was working away to secure all the vendors and continued that job up until the actual morning of the event. And, to her husband **Gene Welch** for pitching in where ever and whenever he was needed – whether he wanted to or not! Thanks for being such a good sport!

We hope everyone had as much fun as we did volunteering for Granny's Attic and we're already looking

forward to next year's Granny's Attic.

Thank you.

Treasurer's report

Please contact Melissa Orlando @ mesoto1237@aol.com if you have any questions concerning the treasurer's report.

Corresponding Secretary

No report

Meeting Adjourned 9:52am

Dates to remember:

Wednesday, January 11 – early dismissal

Monday, January 16 – off

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. PIC meeting attendee – takes notes and share with us
2. Dance Chaperones - for Dance on February 17
3. Recording Secretary – needed for September 2017
4. Grant attendee – meet with us February to help decide which grants are approved