

Johnsburg Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)  
October 4, 2011 – J.C. Bush Elementary School

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President, Pat Sharp called the general meeting to order with 23 people present.

**Minutes:** Pat submitted the minutes from the September 6, 2011 meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Terri Shea; seconded by Maria Groves.

**Correspondence:** Pat shared a note from Jennifer Lueck at Ringwood Elementary thanking the PTO for money used to buy a bench with cubbies. The PTO also received a thank you note from Mrs. Fox and her classroom that included the signatures of every child in her classroom.

**Administration Report:** J.C. Bush Elementary principal, Melanie Junge, welcomed the meeting attendees. She told the group about improvements made at Bush using the money raised by the PTO last year. Of the \$10,000 Bush received, \$5,000 was used to buy Smart Boards (magnetic white boards) for several classrooms. The other \$5,000 was used to pay for several assemblies: Rachel's Challenge, Red Ribbon Week, Slim Good Body, and others.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Heather Garlanger, reviewed the Treasurer's report. So far PTO has earned a net profit of \$3,804.99 which does not include the profit from the September Market Day. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Heather Gunderson; seconded by Vel Junkunc.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive:** President, Pat Sharp, mentioned the Fall Fundraiser which will begin in October.

**Market Day:** Anyone wanting to help with Market Day should just show up at J.C. Bush School around 8:00 or 8:30 a.m. on any scheduled Market Day distribution date.

**Teen Night:** Nikki Warden and Lisa Huhn shared information about the September Teen Night. 335 students attended. Expenses for September's Teen Night were about \$1,500. \$1,675 was earned on entry fees, and concessions sales were \$1,333. Net profit for the night was \$1,451.76. About 30 volunteers showed up to make the evening a great success.

One incident occurred where a mother trying to pick up her child was unaware that she had gone home with another child. The pick-up situation will be adjusted to avoid future incidents. Nikki and Lisa said they will mix it up each Teen Night to keep it fresh. Nice job Nikki and Lisa!

**Fall Fundraiser:** Pat said that the flyers were going out any day, and items could be sold through Market Day. Items for sale include wrapping paper, candy, etc...

**Restaurant Night:** Restaurant Night will be at Moretti's in Fox Lake on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Huhn said she was having a hard time getting a call back from Billy's of Spring Grove where September's Restaurant Night was held.

**Halloween Dance:** No updates were available.

**Chairmen Still Needed:** Pat shared that Chairmen are still needed for the Spring Fundraiser, Ice Cream Social, PTO Calendar, and Harlem Wizards (for next year).

**New Fundraising Opportunities:** Pat talked about a new fundraiser accessed through the website: schoolstore.com. A flyer with information about this fundraiser will be going home soon. Once registered at the web site, someone can make money for the school every time they shop online using our school codes. This works for all online vendors.

Pat talked about the candy buyback where kids bring in their Halloween candy and Conlon & Thompson give the school money for the candy. Then the candy is delivered to troops overseas.

**Information Items:** Kevin Shelton, principal Johnsburg High School, talked about an innovative use of PTO funds at the high school. The willow tree in front of the high school was ripped apart by the big storm we had in July. Mr. Shelton hired a chainsaw artist to carve "Sky" Hawks at the top of the trunk. The bottom of the trunk is engraved with a "Thank You" to the PTO and CARES. It looks great!

Ann Wolk, Food Services Ringwood Elementary, raised concerns about food items to be served at the holiday classroom parties. There are several children with peanut and gluten allergies which are life threatening. A note will be going out to party parents about serving healthy (or no) foods.

Laura Strupp talked about the Tyson A+ fundraiser. All Tyson product labels are worth \$.24 each. She said they Tyson will only make the checks out to a school. Mrs. Neiss said they will simply sign the check over to the PTO when it comes in.

Vel Junkunc talked about the necessity for leaving a ¼ of an inch border on all flyers as she is having trouble getting everything to print completely.

**New Business:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** The next PTO meeting will be in the Board Meeting room in the Administrative Office on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Heather Gunderson; seconded by Lisa Huhn.