

Johnsburg Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
November 1, 2011 – Administration Building

President, Pat Sharp called the general meeting to order with 16 people present.

Minutes: Pat submitted the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Dan Johnson; seconded by Kevin Shelton.

Correspondence: Treasurer, Heather Garlanger shared a note from Ann Wolk, District Food Service Coordinator, thanking the PTO for guiding the party moms toward providing healthier foods at the Halloween Parties.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Heather Garlanger, reviewed the Treasurer's report. She said the Fall Fundraiser total does not include expenses yet. She is waiting for the invoice. She said Halloween Dance profits are down this year because food for concessions was purchased this year, rather than donated. She is still waiting for the check from Market Day for October, so that balance will increase. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Heather Gunderson; seconded by Dan Johnson.

Administration Report: Dr. Dan Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, gave the administration report. He shared some good news. The Johnsburg School District is one of four districts in McHenry County to achieve "adequate yearly progress" testing status. The other three school districts are Fox River Grove School District in Fox River Grove, Prairie Grove School District in Prairie Grove, and Riley School District in Marengo. He also reported that there will be a community event night at the high school on January 26, 2012. Dr. Johnson will be giving a "State of the District" address to parents at that event.

Committee Reports:

Executive: President, Pat Sharp, mentioned that pick up for the Fall Fundraiser will be on November 17th. They are trying to move the pickup time to 1:30 to avoid traffic in the bus lanes after school.

Halloween Dance: Pat reported that the Halloween Dance went well. The kids had fun and there were no reports of any mishaps.

Market Day: Pat told the group that we are shooting for pie sales of 500. The PTO will receive 45% of all profit on pies. She said they are "Baker's Square" quality. She added that Market Day customers could buy their pies through a C.A.R.E.S. student, which would result in all profits going to that organization, or they could order them through the regular method, in which case the profits would be split between C.A.R.E.S. and PTO. She finished by saying that November 19th is the Market Day pick up date for this month and that extra help would be needed.

Restaurant Night: Restaurant night will be at Panera Bread on November 17th. The PTO will receive a portion of sales all day. Moretti's was cancelled because of a misunderstanding. They will only let us do Restaurant Night on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. The advantage of Restaurant Night at Moretti's is that they will also give us a percent of liquor sales. We are considering moving Moretti's Restaurant Night to February 15th, and/or December 20th.

Teen Night: The movie will be dropped from the next teen night on November 18th, and an extra bouncy will be added.

Winter Wonderland: Heather Garlanger spoke about Winter Wonderland. The merchandise for Santa's Secret Shop will be delivered the night before Winter Wonderland. Wish lists may be cancelled this year as some could not be fulfilled and resulted in disappointed children. There will be at least two adults helping kids make purchases. Volunteers are needed for many jobs. C.A.R.E.S. students will be helping out with crafts. We will not be providing tables for vendors this year, but crafters generally bring their own anyway. The coffee will be moved to a new location to avoid people having to transport it across the room. Santa will be there all day and he is not going to cost much. Heather is trying to get the flyers printed for free. Simple crafts will be available for the kids to work on like, noodle necklaces, beaded ornaments, and paper plate Santas. Heather hopes to serve pancakes this year instead of waffles because the waffles were really hard last year, and many ended up in the garbage. The family decoration item will be a Christmas tree ornament this year. It's sized 8 ½ by 11 inches. Heather asked if anyone had a rug they could use for the stage. She reported that the Madrigal singers would be there. Pat Sharp suggested it might be a good idea to buy some Market Day pies to serve at Winter Wonderland.

Halloween Classroom Parties: Heather Garlanger reported that only Mrs. McCrystal had no party mom this year, but she was able to put together a party herself for her classroom. Ann Wolk told Heather that healthier snacks like carrots, celery, grapes, cheese, and crackers were provided this year in most classrooms. Heather talked about possibly asking party moms to clean up a little better after the parties. Wet cotton ball related games and all games with water in them are out. The group talked about putting together cleaning kits for each room for after party clean up that might include paper towels, garbage bags, and cleaning fluids.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Next Meeting: The next PTO meeting will be at the High School on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Heather Gunderson; seconded by Terri Shea.