Johnsburg Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
September 6, 2011 – Administration Office

President, Pat Sharp called the general meeting to order with 33 people present.

Minutes: Pat submitted the minutes from the May 31, 2011 meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Maria Groves; seconded by Terri Shea.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Angie Flebbe, reviewed the Treasurer's report. She reported that the money being earned currently is primarily from calendar sales. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Niki Warden; seconded by Maria Groves.

Administration Report: Ringwood Elementary Principal, Mrs. Cathy Neiss, discussed how the $11,856.11 donated to Ringwood, by the PTO last year, was put to use. She listed several items: A "Hands on Back in Time" Pioneer Program, a Poet for Reading Night, snacks for the Veteran's Day Assembly , Medals, expenses from the Fall Festival, the Randall Oaks Traveling Animal Show, gift cards to be used as a "thank you" to volunteers who came to act out Betsy Ross and Santa. She said the remainder was spent on reading materials, including reading room books, magazine subscriptions, and more. Ringwood made a touching DVD to thank the PTO for the donations. The DVD included footage of many students reading their new books and other reading material. It also showcased other purchases made with the money. Thanks Ringwood!

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Party Parent: Party parent coordinator, Heather Garlanger, gave a brief report about the party parent situation for this school year. She said some classes were light on volunteers, and that she was going to put out a "help wanted" ad for some classrooms.

Executive: President, Pat Sharp, discussed the need for chairpersons to head several PTO fundraisers. Angie Flebbe had prepared complete folders with diskettes that contained all of the information a new chairperson would need to successfully head each one.

The PTO needs chairpersons for the following events in 2011 – 2012: teen nights on September 30, 2011, November 18, 2011, and April 13, 2012; restaurant nights held on the third Thursday of every month (August – May); the post concert celebrations at Oberweis / Dairy Queen; Kid's Activity Nights for Ringwood and Bush which include skating parties on October 27 (in costume), and April 5, 2011; the coloring contest for pre-k through 5th grade (includes creating flyers and choosing coloring pages within a specific theme); the spring fundraiser, with Dutch Mills, the Ice Cream Social in May (profits to Ringwood School this year); PTO Calendar creation (May through August) which includes ad follow up,

collecting information from District 12 schools, and other fundraising organizations; and shopping fundraisers (flyer only).

Fall Fundraiser/Market Day Next Angie Flebbe told us the Fall Fundraiser is already in the works, and will kick off on October 6, 2011. She also spoke about the need for more help with Market Day. We need a new chairperson for Market Day, and more help on delivery days (about 2 hours).

Finally Pat Sharp talked about Market Day Split which occurs in October and February. During a split month, CARES students get half of the profit, but the PTO splits their half of the profit with another fundraising group within the community, in return for their help with distribution of the product in October/February. Three groups made a plea for the split this year. Jasmine Sandora made a plea for the HEAVIES – HELPS group which supports the Vocational Education group in the high school. Johnsburg is lucky to have several donated trucks for the students to use, but some are wearing out and need new parts. Tricia Nimrick made a plea for the POMs group. This group split profits with the PTO through a split last year, and runs Market Day through the summer months, retaining those profits. Anthony Graffeo, the new high school band director, made a plea for the Music Boosters. The band room needs updated acoustical equipment, and new instruments. A vote was made, and the split will go to the Music Boosters in October, and the HEAVIES in February for the 2011-2012 school year.

Restaurant Night: Restaurant night will be at Billy's on September 15, this month.

Directory: Maria Groves spoke about the pre –k through 5 directory. Forms for the directory were sent out last week, and are due Friday, September 2.

Teen Night: A chairperson was needed immediately for the first teen night on September 30. Nikki Warden and Lisa Huhn stepped up to fill this important position. Thank you Nikki and Lisa!

Information Items: Becky Degnan, voluntary chairperson for the Northern Illinois exchange student program, spoke about taking in a student from another country. Families can house a deserving student for the summer, a semester, or a whole year. This program places Illinois students abroad as well.

Old Business: None.

New Busines: Laura Strupp talked about the Tyson A+ program through which the school district gets cash for Tyson product labels. Please turn those labels in to your child's school office!

Nikki Warden asked if we could use the district web site instead of flyers to save paper. Yes, we can distribute information through info serve when appropriate!

Action Items: None.

Next Meeting: The next PTO meeting will be at J.C. Bush Elementary on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Laura Strupp; seconded by Vel Junkunc. Drawing winners were Tricia Frost, Lisa Mulvihill, and Michelle Bate.