



RIJMS PTO

Monday, October 15, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:30 pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of September meeting minutes. Mr. Novinski, the Principal made the motion; Lorrie Walker seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report the Treasurer, Kathy Gruber was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared the Treasurer's report. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared we have taken in the money for our fundraisers; the Magazines, Eich's and the School Store. There is approximately \$23,000 from the magazine sales, not including online sales- that is another \$7-8 thousand dollars. We will keep about 40 % of that; we will still need to pay the prize bill and that will take up a couple of thousand dollars, but we should still make our goal. On the budget, you can also see money for classroom grants, a new screen is in for the Media Center, Outdoor Ed and the PTO also purchased bug spray for the students who attended Outdoor Ed. We will need to be paying money out. And this evening we just received another check from Eich's.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Mr. Novinski welcomed everyone. And shared that Outdoor Ed was successful. The PTO paid for four students who couldn't afford Outdoor Ed. The screen is in for the Media Center. Veteran's Day Breakfast is coming up. An email went out today explaining conferences. They are 15-minute slots, sign up is from 11/5 3-8pm, 11/6 8am-1pm. We are closed on Election Day. There was a question, if all conference slots are booked what should the parents do? Mr. Novinski, the Principal explained, was they should contact the teachers and see if there is another way to schedule something else. November 12 the eighth students will go to Wilco to learn about the various trades available. Bring your dad, guardian, father figure in your life to lunch day is November 16. More information to come...It is the lunch ladies favorite time of the year because the students behave so well. Box Tops is starting next week, we will talk about that tonight. The dance is next Friday 10/26 from 5-7pm. Also, next week is Shop with a Cop (10/26) Basketball Tournament. Jennifer McManaman, the President/IJ PTO is working on Basket for the Shop with a Cop event.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Lorrie Walker Box Tops Chair. Lorrie Walker our Box Top chair was present and shared they are working on the Fall Campaign. She has been in communication with Cheryl Lucas. There was an approval received as per Mr. Novinski, the Principal. Lorrie Walker, Box Top Chair, is also working on Spring program ideas with Cheryl Lucas. And is doing additional research via Pinterest for new ideas. Lorrie Walker, Box Top Chair shared she is going to approach the PTO and see if they will fund lollipops for a Box Top program. And is hoping for parent volunteers via the PTO to come in at lunch and help. She is hoping to exceed the projected Box Top budget. Mr. Novinski, the Principal explained we were mailed 100 box tops by an anonymous, nice person.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared the CAPE report. CAPE was slow after Homecoming, because that had been the focus. IREADY testing will be after winter break.

Family Dinner Night: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Amy Draper's report. On 10/29, there will be a Family Dinner Night at Buffalo Wild Wings; on Rte 59. It's a great night for takeout because there is a Patriots vs the Buffalo Bill's football game that night. The PTO plans to do four to five dinner nights this school year.

Hospitality: Julie Steben the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the hospitality report. Julie the Vice President/Hospitality chair explained there is one event coming up. It is the Teacher's Meal for the Parent /Teacher conferences. It is a Grab n Go style to make it convenient for the teachers. She has received the PTO

member list and is going to send out a request for donations from the members for pop, water and chips. There was a question on how many people we feed. Julie the Vice President/Hospitality chair shared there are approximately 70 people served. There was a question on baking for the event by Lorrie Walker. It was also explained that for the holiday meal, closer to winter break, the PTO serves approximately 100 people. As well as for Teacher's Appreciation week in May, it is closer to 100 people per day that are served. We have four to five days that we host the teachers and staff and they love home baked goods. Lorrie Walker questioned if the baked goods should be grab n go and when donations should be dropped off. Julie the Vice President/Hospitality chair shared things such as water and soda, for example, can be dropped off the week before, but anything that needed to be fresh can be dropped off any time after 8am on Monday (11/5) or Tuesday (11/6). The staff will be there even though the students won't be. And everything can be dropped off to Kim at the front desk. All donations are welcome any style.

Membership: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Chrissy Jenks report. Jennifer McManaman, President, explained we have well over exceeded what we expected; we doubled our PTO membership. Mr. Novinski the Principal shared we shot (estimated) low membership numbers because registration was done online this year, instead of being mailed as it was in the past. Jennifer McManaman, President, stated the PTO is very excited and very thankful for the membership support.

Spirit Wear: Allison Jordan the Spirit Wear chair shared her report. Allison Jordan the Spirit Wear chair explained that we are working with a new vendor, and we are going to try and squeeze in a quick program before the holiday. Jennifer McManaman, President, shared the new vendor is JemHedz and they work with other schools and there has been a lot of success.

Volunteer Coordinator (for School Store, Student Council, Book Fair and Pride Incentives)- Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Kelly Conlon-Hockman reports.

School Store Jennifer McManaman, President, shared the school store is up and running and doing well. They are scheduled through December.

Student Council: Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared there is a school dance on Friday 10/26 from 5-7. Parent volunteers of the dance questioned if they should dress in costume as they volunteer. Mr. Novinski, the Principal, explained it was completely up to the volunteer. If they do dress up, they must be school appropriate; no masks, no blood, etc. Another parent who plans to volunteer shared she is dressing up.

Book Fair: Jennifer McManaman President, explained we are still in need of volunteers for the Book Fair coming up in November. The days where volunteers are needed are the two conference days and parents can go online to sign up to volunteer.

Pride Incentives- Jennifer McManaman President, shared that parents can also volunteer to help with PRIDE Incentives.

Concessions – No report.

Color Run: No report.

Old Business

From September '17 minutes. Mrs. Domabyl requested the PTO purchase picnic tables for the teachers, so they may sit outside during lunch time. There is a need for possibly two tables. Mr. Novinski shared the tables out front cost approximately \$900. Also, they will need to be attached because there is the fear of loss. In the past, nice items like these can get taken. PTO will review this request and work toward it. It was also suggested we reach out to the male and female Scout groups as they are often looking to complete projects, for instance build tables. We will also follow up with parents to gauge interest.

New Business: Mr. Novinski the Principal explained the on 11/3 Ira Jones will be hosting a Free Veterans Breakfast 8:30-11am. It is for Veteran's and their families to come in. We did it last year and it was very successful. We are receiving donations from McDonald's, Starbucks, Doggie Diner, Peter Rubi is giving fruit

and The Kitchen Company is giving milk and juice. Jennifer MacManaman, the President further explained at this event, we will also accept donations for “Operation Care Package”. It is an organization that is in Manhattan, IL. It is a charity which supports soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen through care packages and letters of encouragement. There is a list on the daily announcements of the items that can be donated. We are partnering with the American Legion Hall which is Post 13. Ira Jones and Lincoln Elementary school are participating in this to provide as much support to our servicemen. Jennifer MacManaman, the President also shared the following information that was from PTSO at Plainfield North High School, “Young Hearts for Life” is a screening process that will screen the young men and women in high school to check to see if they have any issues with their hearts. It is a free cardiac screening program scheduled 1/17/19. Students can register on line. In the event that they didn’t complete the registration process, they will have phone lines set up for the students to call their parents, so they can participate in the screening.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions:

Next Meeting: Monday, November 12, 2018

Upcoming Events: 10/26 & 10/27 Shop with a Cop 8th Grade Basketball Tournament
at PEHS
10/26 Ira Jones Halloween Dance 5-7pm
10/29 Family Dinner Night Buffalo Wild Wings – Lunch & Dinner
11/3 Veteran’s Day Breakfast 8:30-11:00am in Ira Jones Cafeteria
11/1 to 11/7 Book Fair

Meeting adjourned 6:46pm.