



RIJMS PTO

Monday, November 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:29pm. Jennifer welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of October meeting minutes. Mr. Novinski, the Principal made the motion; Jen McManaman the President seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report the Treasurer, Kathy Gruber. Kathy Gruber shared the treasurer's report. The PTO wrote the check for Battle of the Books. We are awaiting a check for the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser. We made some money at the school store because of the sewing kits. We helped with Outdoor Education and we also helped with the Veteran's Day Breakfast.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Mr. Novinski the Principal shared his report. The Veteran's breakfast was very nice. We had \$550 in cash and overall it was very successful. About 120 people showed up; not including teachers. We have the "Dad's or Role Model" lunch this Friday 11/16. We have a break Nov 21st thru the Nov 25th. On December 3rd we will hand out Encore forms to 6th & 7th graders to be filled out before winter break. There will be some presentations on Encore classes/choices. The FBI is coming to talk to the 7th & 8th grade students about social media on December 4th. Thank you very much for the dinner for conferences it was very well received. We had an extra tray of sandwiches, some pasta salad and a few desserts leftover. We received our screen for the media center, but it was damaged, so we sent it back. A new one is due to come. Mr. Novinski is requesting the PTO pay for novels for Language Arts classes about \$500. In our gym we have banners showing the years we have won, but we are running out of space. We are going to have a new system. We will need ½ size banners, so all the banners will fit. We will be requesting approximately \$1000 for the banners. Kathy Gruber the Treasurer questioned if we budgeted for the new banners. After a quick review of the existing budget, Kathy Gruber the Treasurer and Mr. Novinski the Principal found areas within the existing budget where money was available. For instance, there is \$1500 in the Teacher Welcome Gift/budget and \$300 left from Veteran's Day. Kathy Gruber the Treasurer; initially thinks we can do it but will double check to confirm it. We also raised over \$500 for Operation Care Package.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Lorrie Walker Box Tops Chair was unable to attend. Mr. Novinski the Principal shared the report. It was a successful program; we earned about \$250-\$260. There will be another program in the spring.

CAPE: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared the CAPE report. Jennifer McManaman was unable to attend the Cape meeting as she had to attend a CCC meeting. Fall theatre; all the high schools have presentations. Plainfield North's production is "Almost Maine". Plainfield South High School is doing "Clue". Shop with a Cop yielded about \$4000. The Ira Jones team finished second. Library has teen programs. The library is also doing American History programs with social studies classes. For instance, when a social studies class is studying the civil war the library will come in and share what was happening in Plainfield during that time.

Family Dinner Night: Jennifer McManaman President, shared Amy Draper's report. Jennifer McManaman the President shared we made \$63.57 from Buffalo Wild Wings dinner night. The next one is at McDonald's December 5; 4-7pm. Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared there will be people selling pies.

Hospitality: Julie Steben the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the hospitality report. Julie Steben the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the Teacher's meal was very well received. Invites were sent out twice, accidentally, for parents to donate food. Desserts with a shelf life are in a bin and we can serve those for the Holiday Luncheon; as well as any pop or water is stored to be used later. Chips can be given out because of their expiration dates, for instance at the Turkey Turntable (a PRIDE Incentive). The

Holiday luncheon is coming up. There will be a request for Gluten Free products. Some folks commented that we didn't have any Gluten Free items, so we will try to include that for the Holiday Luncheon. Our gluten free baker no longer has students at Ira Jones. The Holiday Luncheon will be on 12/21 from 12:30-1:45. We will need gift cards and volunteers.

Membership: Jennifer McManaman, President, shared Chrissy Jenks report; Jennifer McManaman, President, shared a couple more members have joined.

Spirit Wear: Allison Jordan the Spirit Wear chair was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman the President shared we have new spirit wear items. Some "cool new flannel stuff" as Mr. Novinski, the Principal described it. They will go on sale thru November 21.

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. Sewing kits are in and were selling. Kathy Gruber the Treasured share we picked up about \$30.

Student Council: Mr. Novinski, the Principal shared the dance was successful and we had a lot of volunteers. Next dance is in May.

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: Jennifer MacManaman, the President also shared there was a parent who has requested rubber gloves for animal dissection next year, so we will have to put that on our list for next year. Mr. Novinski the Principal shared we will need to get CAPE out.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions:

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2018

Upcoming Events:
Bring Your Male Role Model to Lunch-Nov 16
High School 101 for 8th Grade Parents – Nov 28 6pm PNHS
Spirit Wear Sale thru November 22st – New Items
Family Dinner Night – McDonalds December 5th 4-7pm
5 Essentials Survey – Please fill out by January 18th

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm.