

JFK PTO MEETING
November 1, 2011

In Attendance: See attached, page 6

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Tammi Borchard. Jodi Jenkins recorded the minutes.

Tammi Borchard introduced the 2011-2012 JFK PTO Executive Board:

Co Presidents: Tammi Borchard and Barbara Paul
Co Vice Presidents: Denise Hammer and Suzanne Farulla
Treasurer: Denise DeSimon
Assistant Treasurer: Francine Cuciti
Co Corresponding Secretary: Gayle DeNicola and Linda Brooks
Recording Secretary: Jodi Jenkins

Ms. Mandarino moved to waive the reading of the October 4, 2011 minutes and to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. The October 4, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Officer's Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Denise DeSimon, see attached



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- Items were added to Fundraising such as Mommy Makeover Raffle, Rolling Sweet sale, Sassy Gems, Spring Fundraiser and Super Bowl Raffle
- Changes were made to the Programs such as Special Events Week (disability awareness)
- Francine Cuciti made a motion to pass the revised budget. The motion was seconded. The revised budget passed
- The cash flow report to-date was also reviewed – overall cash flow total is \$1,778.19

- **Co-President's Report:** Presented by Tammi Borchard
Council Meeting Report:
 - Fran Cook the Council VP will handle Certificates of Insurance & Raffle licensing. A certificate of Insurance is needed for all outside events
 - Dr Gonzales the new Superintendent of Schools starts on December 7th 2011
 - Utilize the Wayne Board of Education website for current information / updates on education system in Wayne: Wayneboe.com
 - In the first two weeks of April, the Wayne BOE is asking us to host an event for kids while they educate the parents on budget details (drop-off event so parents can attend and kids are cared for)
 - Wayne Alliance: The Magic Masters basketball game is currently scheduled for April 27th 2012. A basket will be donated
 - Upcoming SPA discussions about ADHD. These discussions are still TBD
 - Upcoming PGS discussions about cyber-bullying. These discussions will be held in January 2012
 - The Browse & Shop has new hours of operation: T, W, and TH from 10-2 and Wed evening from 4 to 8. This is a great way for teens to gain community service hours (national honor society, scouts, etc.)
 - The next registration begins in December for Cultural Workshops
 - Donations are needed for the PTO food drive in February – dry, boxed goods, snacks are accepted. No canned goods

- **Co-Vice President's Report:** Presented by Denise Hammer
 - The Vice President's attended a lunch at the Paris Inn to learn about Fundraising options
 - If necessary we can do Chocolates for fundraising: catalog w/ chocolates (ships to location) or boxes of chocolate bars
 - The chocolate bars are very profitable but there are no returns on the bars/boxes
 - We have to be prepared to sell something in case we need to raise more money – it's a good way to raise money for the PTO
 - Other fund raising ideas: Beach towel fundraiser, Candy & Candle fundraiser & Partylite fundraiser (candles only-product is delivered to people's home)

- **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Presented by Gayle DeNicola
 - We sent a sympathy card this month
 - No Thank-you cards this month

- **Principal's Report:** Presented by Ms. Mandarinino
 - Halloween parade & parties will take place on Friday, November 4th. The parade will begin at 1:50 pm
 - The Meadowland trip will be rescheduled to a later date. This date is TBD
 - Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th school is closed for teacher conventions
 - Parent Visitation Day is November 17th
 - The PTO book fair will be held from November 17th through November 23rd
 - CEO (Celebrating Each Other) which brings awareness of disabilities and other cultures will be held from November 17th through November 23rd
 - Parent Conferences will begin on Monday, November 21st (night) and continue through Tuesday, November 22nd. These school days are half days
 - November 23rd will also be a half/minimal school day
 - November 24th – November 25th school is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

Teacher's Liaison Report: Presented by Ms. Mandarinino and Mrs. Klein

- As always the teachers thank the PTO for their support
- Teachers & kids miss "theme" days. Teachers are wondering why these days stopped (Cap day, Sports day, etc)?
- It is believed that some teachers don't like these days as it can disrupt the day
- These days will be revisited – Ms. Mandarinino will ask the teachers at the next teachers meeting and see what the majority says
- Ms. Mandarinino will try to help increase attendance at the PTO meetings (put on website, put a notice in the library, remind the media moms)

Committee Chair Reports:

Old Business

- ***Bake Sale:*** reported by Tammi Borchard. A huge success! We raised \$1,137 which exceeded expectations. A thank you to all who supported in any way.
- ***School Store:*** reported by Tammi Borchard. The school store will continue to honor coupons that say choose any item.
- ***Halloween Party:*** reported by Tammi Borchard. A great success! We raised \$2,112. Thank you to all who supported and worked the event. The children had a fun time with the dancing, crafts and showing off their costumes. There were a few small issues: 1) Older siblings throwing water bottles &

trying to get into the school. 2) The police officer never came. 3) Revisit the goodie bags

New Business

- **Summer Reading Assembly:** reported by Tammi Borchard. We need an update on this assembly as no update has been provided to the PTO
- **Box Tops:** reported by Tammi Borchard. An easy way to earn money for the school. Clip or go on-line to support the school. The box top link will be posted to our website
- **Thanksgiving Drive:** reported by Tammi Borchard. A flier went home today, November 1st. There are 21 families in the JFK neighborhood in need. Baskets will be provided to these families
- **Toy Drive:** reported by Tammi Borchard. Immediately following the Thanksgiving drive. There are now 61 kids in need – this is up from 36 kids last year. More information will be provided on the Toy Drive
- **PTO School Supply Drive:** reported by Tammi Borchard. Pencils, glue sticks, etc. will be donated to the school to help the teachers with their school supplies. We will wait until after the new year to begin due to the high volume of drives in November & December
- **Math Assembly:** reported by Tammi Borchard. This assembly will be held on November 21st
- **Holiday Boutique:** reported by Tammi Borchard. This boutique will start on December 5th and be set-up in the hallways for holiday shopping. No item will be over \$3
- **Family Fun Night:** reported by Tammi Borchard. The first family fun night will be held on December 7th at Wendy's
- **Super Bowl Raffle:** reported by Tammi Borchard. This raffle will be held in December. Winners will be announced during the JFK movie night on January 27th. Prizes are as follows: 1st place – 50 inch Panasonic Plasma TV. 2nd place – Keurig coffee maker. 3rd place – Gift card to Shop Rite
- **Movie Night:** reported by Tammi Borchard. The movie night will be held on January 27th
- **Yearbook Boosters:** reported by Tammi Borchard. The boosters need to go up in cost due to the large number of 5th graders (97) to approximately \$5 a booster. The current price is \$2 a line which is 65 characters. It was decided to raise the price to \$3 a line

Open Discussion

- Yearbooks for fifth grade. Should this be fully supported and provided by the PTO or should parents of fifth graders “pitch-in” some of the money for their child's yearbook? There are 97 fifth graders this year. In the past the PTO raised all of the money and parents were not asked to pay. This topic is still open for discussion.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Attendance for November 1st 2011 Meeting:

Denise DeSimon
Tammi Borchard
Barbara Paul
Francine Cuciti
Jodi Jenkins
Gayle DeNicola
Denise Hammer
Suzanne Farulla
Nilanjana Gupta
Ms. Mandarino