



**September 15, 2011**

## **Minutes of the New Lenox PTO Meeting**

The regular meeting of the New Lenox PTO was called to order by President Kristin Labriola on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 9:35 A.M. at Peace Lutheran Church. 52 members and 27 guests were present.

**President:** Welcome to all the guests here today. Teacher reps were all introduced by school, while guests from that school stood up. Executive Board was introduced. Gave mention that \$67,000 has been given back to the schools.

**Secretary:** May minutes were approved over the summer by the Executive Board. Be sure to sign-in on the sign-in sheets. The PTO Corner for October was already sent to Jenny Zimmerman. If anyone has anything for the PTO Corner for November, it is due to Patty by the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. PTO Member information sheets were emailed out to everyone. If there are any corrections or changes please email Patty.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ginger read the book donation to Nelson Prairie, and PTO Member Stephanie Flinchum, and cards sent out to Nelson Prairie staff. Please see her for more detailed information.

**Treasurer's Report:** Laura Hansen had no report due to a missing flash drive. She will get a report emailed out to everyone this weekend. There is \$97,681.00 in the checking account. There were no building expenditures. Kristin explained what the Asst. Treasurers' will be cutting checks for throughout the school year.

**Building Spotlight - Haines and Oakview:** Jackie Miller and Mark Fleming, principals of Haines and Oakview, presented information on how their schools have spent PTO money. Mark Fleming thanked the PTO for the Movie Night sponsored by the PTO, and for all of the items that they have been able to purchase with PTO funds, including 10 iPads, and indoor/outdoor recess equipment. Jackie Miller thanked the PTO for the Craft Night, it's a huge success, and for all of the items she is using PTO funds at Haines for, including Assemblies, such as, Staley the Bears mascot, Martin Luther King assembly, and Iditarod. She also purchased 8 Learning Carpets and 10 iPads. Haines received a \$500 grant from Target for the use of people using their Target red card advantage. Her third graders made "thank you cards" which were passed around for all guests/members to read.

### **Advisory Group Reports:**

**Market Day:** There are 194 orders for September, with \$2,859.00 in profit. Staff from Haines and Oakview are helping at the sale. Additional help is always welcome. We will be starting earlier this month with the unloading and setting up, at 2:30 p.m. Check online for Market Day coupon codes and sales. November is pie bonus month. If we sell over \$500, we will earn a 45% profit, whereas normally we only earn a 20% profit.

**Fundraising:** Anyone who still wants a Golden Opportunities book, Kris still has some at her house. We will be processing orders today after the meeting. A sign up sheet was passed around to sign up for delivery of the Golden Opportunities books to the schools on September 27<sup>th</sup>. You can go anytime of the day, although with Kindergarten, it is suggested to go in the morning.

**Room Parents:** Email Colleen a list of the headroom parents and email her if there are any parents who still want to sign up.

**FASG:** These are mini-grants that are offered to the teachers of the district to enhance their classrooms. There will not be a meeting until after November.

**Super Session:** Peggy Manville gave an overview of the new Language Arts program. She spoke of the features of the program, the cost of the program, and how they came to the decision to adopt this new program. The decision was very teacher driven. The district also purchased Spelling and Phonics programs. New programs for Grammar and Writing may be purchased after a year.

**President:** Books go to audit every year. Since we made less than \$300,000, the State does not require us to do an audit. However, it was proposed that we take a vote on whether or not we still have an audit done, just to make sure all of the money is there and nothing is missing. Historically, nothing has been found wrong with the books. The cost of the audit will cost us \$600. Ballots were passed out to all members present. Members voted. Votes were counted. There were 39 "Yes" votes and 6 "No" votes.

**Vice President:** Bunco is Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at Gattos. Doors open at 7PM. We will start the game at 7:30 and play until 9:00. The cost is \$10 which includes bunco, soft drinks, light appetizers. Cash prizes for highest points/lowest points. Gattos is letting us bring desserts in. For our website, a page has been added for our members who have Home based businesses. If anyone wants to advertise their home based business, send an email to Colleen, in jpg format if possible.

**Old/New Business:** The village is giving us a tent for free at the Farmer's Market this Saturday (9/17), from 8AM -1PM. A sign up sheet is posted at the door to sign up for 1 hour shifts. We will be selling Golden Opportunities books. Kristin will be there the whole day. Lara is sending around an order form for PTO t-shirts. Kathy Ponsiego suggested we consider doing a Face Book page to advertise our events and such.

**Dates to Remember:** French Market 9/17, Bunco Night @ Gattos 9/20, Golden Opportunities distribution 9/27, PTO meeting-Market Day-Prairie/Ridge Spotlights 10/20. At 10:34 A.M. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephanie Flinchum and seconded by Kathy Marcus.

Submitted by:

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