

September 20, 2011

Meeting called to order 6:00 by President Danielle Mendez.

Salute of the Flag.

Old Business

- Gary Rohrer was not in attendance so a Treasurers Report was read by Susan DiFrancesco. A verbal account of the balance was given.
- Kid Stuff books have been distributed to all students. All money and unsold books are due back by 9/29 JFK receives 50% profit from this fundraiser and Susan DiFrancesco encouraged everyone to sell one book. The teachers were asked for suggestions on rewards for the students for classes with 100% participation.
- We are making every effort to be a paperless environment, so the PTSO asked if teachers can put reminders in the Homework binders to make parents aware of due dates or to check the website.
- If a family does not have a computer we will be glad to send out paper notification. Please make the office aware of this need.
- The Kennedy Rocks Tshirt are on sale. The form is available on the website. They are 1 for \$10.00, 2 for \$18.00 and 3 for \$25.00. These can be worn to the Back to School Dance.
- A Back to School Dance will be held on Friday, September 23 from 6-8. All families are invited and encouraged to attend. This is a great way to meet your child(ren) friends.
- School Spirit wear is underway. Forms can be found on the website and are a great idea for School spirit days or town sporting events. Please print the form and return in an envelope marked PTSO Fall Spirit wear.

New Business

- Teachers were asked if a class party for class participation in Box Tops each Marking Period would be acceptable. They were fine with the suggestion. The teachers asked that parents label Ziploc bags with the Box Tops so that each class gets proper recognition.
- Teachers indicated they would be interested in participating in a Mc Teacher Night at Mc Donalds again this year. Janice Strassberger will arrange a date.
- There will be a Pumpkin Sale on 10/13 and 10/14. The children will have a chance to select a pumpkin during school hours on the front lawn.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will take place on 10/6 and 10/7.
- There are many wonderful assemblies being planned by our chairperson, Kim Poggio, for the children this year.
- Trunk or Treat is being organized for October 27. A Chairperson and volunteers are needed. Trunk or Treat is when the children dress in costume and trick or treat from car to car in the

school parking lot. This will be done for a designated time frame this year and then a indoor family activity will be planned, possibly a dance.

- The first school store is 10/19. Items such as pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers and notebooks are available for purchase. Parents can send in \$1-\$2.00 to make a purchase. Most items are priced \$.50-2.00. Kerry Santamaria is the chair of school store.
- The PTSO would like to utilize class moms to help send out information Each class mom would be notified and then expected to pass the word via email to each student's family.
- We are looking for volunteers for Chair, Co-chair and Volunteers. Please look on the website for the Volunteer form, print and return to school. We especially need crafty people to assist with holiday boutique items.
- Please consider a Target Credit Card and designating JFK as your school. Target contributes a % of our purchase to our school and last year we received \$300. If you are purchasing, why not make a free contribution.
- Sharon Ciullo asked about a name directory that can be distributed to the school to share email and phone numbers. Mrs. Parker would like to try sending info through the class moms before we ask to publicize personal information for each family.
- Mrs. Parker thanked the teachers, PTSO and parents for the past year of dedication.
- Mrs. Parker also said communication is the key to our success. Please send email, call the office or write a teacher a note when you have a question, concern or a note of praise. Many of our teachers live in South Plainfield and may have personal relationships or interact with students outside of the school. Please do not text or call teachers for school concerns outside of school. Let's maintain a professional relationship and separate personal from professional situations.
- A reminder that the Emergency Cards need to indicate all and any member of the family, neighbor or friend that may pick your child up from school.
- The parking lot is not for student drop off. The students line up outside and need to be dropped off at the curb and utilize the crossing guard.
- A reminder that we are aware of student allergies and we need to remind students do not share lunches or snacks with friends.
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The meeting concluded at 6:45.