

**JHS PTO
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by President Dawn Mascari
There were 36 parents and 3 teachers present.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made to approve the Sept. 12, 2011 minutes
- 1st. Dea Virginelli
- 2nd. Tara Hoppes

Treasurer's Report:

Angelique, Treasurer, gave the financial report.

A motion was made to approve the financial Reports as stated.

- 1st. Portia Amendola
- 2nd. Jenn Carroll

Vice Presidents Report:

- The first fundraiser is coming to a close this coming week. All the fundraiser information is due Oct. 3rd and will be wrapped up by the end of the week. All items should be in before Thanksgiving.
- 462 Students are enrolled in the school, to date we have 178 members registered for PTO and 99% of staff and support staff have also registered. Thank you to all who have registered. She stated that she would be sending out another reminder to encourage more families to join.

Principal's Report:

- Principal Parkhurst was unable to attend the meeting.

Committee Reports: September through December 2011:

- Halloween Activity Night:
Fran held a meeting and many volunteers broke into sub committees to take on the many tasks involved to run this event. There is another meeting tomorrow evening. She has spoken with Miss Erin who will be out of town, so there may or may not be a haunted room. The event will be held from 7:00-9:00. Fran wanted to thank everyone who has been so willing to help with this event. We will also be seeking out student volunteers to help that evening. Tara is organizing the baskets for the raffle. More information to should be forth coming to room parents.

- Cultural Arts:
Portia reported that Shawn has booked some educational programs from a grant that he had. The first event is scheduled for November 21st with Beth and Scott coming in to present an Anti~bullying and doing the right thing assembly. We are working on another assembly for May. There is also consideration of bringing back the “Snack Lady”. We would like some feedback from the Kindergarten team to get their input. Claudia Faughnan, teacher, will get back to the committee on their thoughts. The committee is also looking at some new ideas for January and March. The Caribbean Band has been booked for Fun Day.
- Book Fair:
The Book Fair will run from October 17th – 21st. Flyers will be sent home with the children on October 11th informing parents of the date and times their class will be visiting the book fair. Parents are encouraged to attend the fair with their child’s class. They must sign in at the office. Wednesday evening of that week, the fair will be open late for parents to come and shop as well. Please contact Dawn if you would like to volunteer to help.

Open Forum-Questions and Comments:

- Lauren Barry, teacher, wanted to personally thank the PTO for their generous contribution of a basket to the BEA Pasta Dinner fundraiser.
- A discussion was heard about the basket for Halloween Fun night. It was suggested that a clarification to be sent to all room parents about sending letters out to the parents to gather donations.

Adjournment:

- The next scheduled meeting is Nov. 7, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 P.M.
 1. Bonnie Appi
 2. Dea Virginelli