

**Northpoint Elementary School  
PTO Board Meeting  
October 6, 2009**

*	Aatifa Ahmed		Julie Heinold	*	Kate Rodriguez
*	Laurie Beyer	*	Julie Heller	*	Denise Schuster
*	Lisa Brinkman	*	Susan Kullman	*	Bobby Scott
*	Patty Brown		Zianne Lemke	*	Sonya Shoemaker
*	Kirsten Bruso		Jennifer Lowrance		Shelley Sohn
*	Kristin Chuko	*	Karen Maher	*	Cara Stephan
*	Carrie Currie		Joely McCaw	*	Corrina Stewart
*	Kris Eidson	*	Amy Moser		Julie Sturm
*	Melissa Engel	*	Diane Newcomer	*	Bruce Weldy
*	Kim Hayek		Lydia Pinto		
	Carol Heideman	*	Kristen Rink		

\* - Indicates board member present

Other Attendees: Trevor Krawcyk, Tim Hessing, Michael Harshbarger, Barb Broadbear, Kiersten Douglass, Krista Henrichsmeyer, Erin Winn, Melanie Burns, Mark Burns, Sharon Van Le, Kevin Dooley, Julie Bosch, Maryse Hessing, Stephanie Roecke.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

**Secretary (Kris Eidson)** Motioned to approve September meeting minutes: Kate Rodriguez, second the motion: Julie Heller.

**Treasurer Report (Denise Schuster):** Current balance is \$32,982.34.

**Spirit Wear (Corinna Stewart, Kristin Chuko):** Picked up today, will deliver to the school tomorrow (10/2/2009). Profit was around \$970. We saw hair bow samples that would run between \$4 & \$12, made by Ribbon Dreams. No one was opposed to offering those for sale. Another idea was Northpoint lanyards.

**Fundraising (Amy Moser):** We have received \$1776 in PTO dues and around \$12,299 for the Unraiser so far, for total of \$14075.

**Karnival Knight (Kristin Chuko, Shelley Sohn):** ‘Corny’, the mascot of the new baseball team in Normal will be coming to Karnival.

**School Kits (Jennifer Lowrance, Sonya Shoemaker):** No report.

**Red Ribbon Week (Kristen Rink):** Midwest Food Bank can no longer handle a group our size. We are now looking at doing something at the Humane Society. Also looking at CISAR (Central IL Small Animal Rescue). Humane Society is looking at an event in November and would like us to coordinate with that. We are still looking at dates. Will be choosing one item per grade level for donations.

**Teacher Representative (Bobby Scott):** No report.

**Birthday Books/School Directory (Julie Heinold):** No report.

**Birthday Bulletin Board (Lisa Brinkman, Corrina Stewart, Amber Meyers):** Amber put up bulletin board this month. Very cute!

**Book Fair (Carrie Currie, Julie Sturm, Susan Kullman):** Made a little less this year - \$13,898. Family Night brought in \$8000 alone. School library made \$3224 in profit from the book sale. We had a lot of new volunteers this year thanks to Susan Kullman. A suggestion was made to lengthen time of Family Night past 6:00 to accommodate more families.

We will be adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Barnes & Noble night around Christmas. Flyer will work at any Barnes & Noble nationwide as long as it is used on the correct night. Still looking at a date toward the end of November.

**Box tops (Karen Maher):**

Passed out box top coupons – also have new family welcome kits. Deadline for next mailing of box tops is 10/31/2009. We already have \$600 in the account, and \$700 ready to send. We can get a check cut in January.

**Volunteer/Hospitality:**

- **Teacher Luncheons –Diane Newcomer, Kim Hayak** – Set up dates & themes. There will be an activity each month. September was a dessert day, October is food all day during parent/teacher conferences.
- **Teacher Appreciation – Lisa Brinkman** – We will have a wedding theme this year. Still looking for helper to shadow this year and take over next year.
- **Field Day – Laurie Beyer** – No report.
- **Attendance Popcorn** – Carol Heideman – No report.
- **Special Events** – Lydia Pinto – No report.

**Library Coordinator (Joely McCaw):** No report.

**Market Day (Patty Brown, Zianne Lemke):** Made \$362.44 last month. Still looking for a shadow this year who can be a co-chair next year.

**New Family Welcome (Shelley Sohn):** We have 6 new families.

**Northpoint Book Club (Aatifa Ahmed):** We have 26 kids in the book club. Worked out that everyone bought their book club books through the book fair.

**Newsletter (Melissa Engel):** No report.

**Room Parent Coordinators (Cara Stephan, Julie Heller):** Had orientation meeting – it went well. We have 3 room parents for every classroom – some have 3.

**Volunteer Coordinator (Kate Rodriguez):** Picture day went well. Vision/hearing test is next event.

**Principal Items (Bruce Weldy):** The school will dismiss early on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 for the NCHS homecoming parade. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> student council members will be marching in

the parade. No school on 10/12 for Columbus Day or 10/23 for teacher conferences. We will be having an all school cookout on 10/29 – parents bring their own lunch. Halloween parties will be 10/30 with the parade at 2:00. Three basketball hoops were purchased. Mrs. Bennington, the principal at the new Benjamin Elementary will be attending the November PTO meeting.

**President (Kirsten Brusio):** No report.

New business: Tim Hessing asked to be added to the agenda to discuss the Boy Scouts of America leadership forms for us to sign-off, along with the future of our status as a chartering organization.

Background: Northpoint PTO entered into a chartering organization relationship with the Boy Scouts of America in November, 2005. We were told that we needed to sign off on leadership forms and provide a meeting place. A concern was brought up this year regarding the liability that the organization, in addition to the executive board members individually, could be held accountable if a lawsuit ever materialized due to our approval of the leaders. The insurance that the PTO holds does not cover us for this exposure. The Normal Unit 5 legal team advised the PTO to wait for the indemnification form showing insurance coverage before signing any leader forms or agreeing to renew the charter.

Per Tim Hessing (Cubmaster for our scout pack), as a chartering organization, the PTO “owns” the cub scout pack. That includes the responsibility of approving the adult leader forms and providing a meeting place. We can perform our own background and reference checks if we desire (to make us more comfortable) before the leader approvals are done. After the chartering organization signs off on the forms, the Boy Scouts of America do their own set of background checks before approving the leaders. The Boy Scouts of America do provide general liability coverage to the chartering organizations.

There was much discussion around the room, both for the PTO remaining the chartering organization (most agreeing that we would still require the insurance paperwork), and also those wondering if it is the direction we want to take with PTO resources to provide leadership sign-off that may or may not include background/reference checks and accept that liability for an outside organization.

Brian Miller of the Boy Scouts of America will be coming to the November PTO meeting to explain the charter process, and we are hoping to have the paperwork by then showing the insurance coverage for the PTO. Kris Eidson motioned to table the discussion of signing the leadership forms and the chartering organization renewal until the November meeting. Amy Moser seconded the motion. All in favor, no opposed.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.