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## PTO Meeting – Minutes October 8, 2008

Board Member Attendance – Sara Frisk, Kathy Bonitz, Lynn Roscoe and Tara Ford

Meeting called to order 7:00PM

1. Fundraiser – Profit estimated at \$26k. This is fantastic considering how the economy is going. Pick up is Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5PM. If students ride the bus and have more than 2 boxes to be picked up, parents are asked to make other arrangements to pick up the cookie dough. Volunteers are needed to help sort orders beginning at 9AM.
  - a. Thunderbash and Limo Lunch is Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Hamster races may take place during the November general meeting if all winners can attend.
2. Trick or Treat Street/Haunted Hallways
  - a. Still looking for volunteers for the Haunted Hallways. So far have about 7 areas. Can also fill in areas with animated displays if anyone has anything that can be borrowed for the evening.
  - b. Have 3 participants for the chili contests so far. Samples will be sold for \$1 and a bowl with all the fixings for \$2.50.
  - c. Jeff Weber will be doing Click or Treat in the music room.
  - d. Brownies/Daisies will be helping with the craft room.
  - e. Ghost stories will be told in the library.
  - f. Pizza, popcorn, sodas/ water and nachos will be for sale in the cafeteria.
  - g. Games will be in the gym.
  - h. Admission is free but we ask each person to bring one canned/boxed food item for the Brighton Food Pantry
  - i. Kohl's has 5 volunteers signed up which means we also get \$500 towards the event!
3. Spirit Night – Choose either Chick-fil-A Spirit Night or Dominos Pizza night and help our school on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of sales between 5-8PM to the school. Be certain to tell the cashier you are with Pennock. Next Spirit Night is Applebees on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
4. Holiday Bazaar – Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30PM. Sign ups are being accepted for homemade, handmade craft and home based business booths. Booths are \$25 each. Santa Shop for the kids will be in the library, cookies & hot chocolate in the cafeteria and Santa will be making a visit.
5. Box Tops – the 30 box top form is due October 24<sup>th</sup>. If you can not completely fill it up, still turn it in as Judy has extra box tops to complete the forms.
6. Hospitality committee – this is still open.
7. Grant committee – Tara will be finalizing the Lowes grant application this week.
8. Treasurer's Report – the current balance in the checking account is \$66,394.54 and cash on hand is \$194.61. Future expenses include Varsity Gold fundraiser invoice, Trick or Treat expenditures, and teacher request. The board will be reviewing teacher requests and will present them at the November meeting.

9. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Presentation – 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Kiana (bank teller), Brock (Parts & Service Technician), James (Town Hall Accountant) and Casey (Ameritowne Judge) talked about their experience at Ameritowne. Ameritowne is a simulated real life environment where students get to be business owners, mayors, judges, police officers etc. They have to manage money and follow the Towns laws or be cited. It is a great experience and the students come away with a good understanding of what life is like after school.
10. Guest Speaker – Marty Wadsworth talked about the ballot initiative 3A & 3B. 3A is a proposed Mill Levy that will help enhance or create career oriented classes, AP courses, safety & security measures, update computers and a comprehensive K-12 Gifted & Talented program. 3B will allow 2 new elementary schools to be built, increase HS options including a career technical center and make critical renovations at existing schools.
11. Outstanding Parent of the Month – this new program sponsored by the PTO allows teachers to nominate parents who go over and above for their classrooms/school. Nominations for September were: Kim Rockwell, Becky Murway, Holly Gifford, Sherry Cooney, Kari Battreal, Sara Frisk and Kathleen Lewis Gonzales. Kathleen was chosen as our September Parent of the Month. She received a plaque and a PTO goody bag. She will also be showcased in the October newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

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