

**Belleville Henderson Central School**  
**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**November 5, 2014**

Janelle Hodge - President  
President  
Lori Redden - Secretary

Kim Gordinier - Vice  
  
Kim Gehrke - Treasurer

**Members in Attendance:** Janelle Hodge, Scott Storey, Lydia Smith, Alison VanBrocklin, Shelly Peterson, Rhonda Hubbard, Kim Gehrke, Kim Gordinier, Mike Redden & Lori Redden

**Meeting Called to Order in the Library @ 6:34pm**

**Old Business:**

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed by all in attendance. Kim Gehrke made a motion to accept the minutes. Kim Gordinier seconded the motion.

**Memberships:** Lori reported that we currently have 43 paid members with 10 seniors being represented. \$14.00 in membership funds were turned over to Kim Gehrke for deposit. Lori also reported that on Oct 15th, she emailed all current members and thanked them for joining and attached the current "senior" scholarship form that they can use to keep track of their activities and/or points. She also had a link to this scholarship added to the our section of the schools website. A thank you card was sent to Hometown Pizzeria for the pizza, wings and soda supplied at our last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kim Gehrke handed the Schools W9 form into McDonalds but has not heard anything regarding the McTeacher Night Fundraiser. She is going to call for a follow-up. The \$79.00 in membership funds from last month were deposited into the savings account instead of the checking account due to an inactivity notice we received. Since last month \$6,296.10 was deposited in the checking account from the Fall Fundraiser and a check in the amount of \$3,388.53 was made out to Meadow Farms Fundraising. \$150.00 still needs to be paid to the "senior" class for the work the students performed during the Belleville Field Days last June. Janelle Hodge made a motion to accept the report and Kim Gordinier seconded.

**Fall Fundraiser:** Lori reviewed the totals from the fundraiser. Gross Sales including online orders were \$6,962.00 with our profit being \$2,968.74 which does not include the 3% sign-up bonus which we should receive by January. Profits were down a little over \$400.00 from last year. It was discussed about all the clubs that were selling the same time as us (girl scouts, club scouts, entertainment books, pizza class fundraiser) which doesn't help. Rhonda asked about doing a different fundraiser later in the year instead of this one and Lori explained many of the items purchased are Christmas related. Lori brought it to everyone's attention of the low number of elementary students actually participating in this event. Out of 265 elementary students K-6, only 67 students participated as well as 1 high-schooler. Lori was looking for suggestions to increase participation, such as, if you participate, your name is entered into

winning a "giftcard" for the elementary and should "seniors" be asked to participate since the money raised is all applied to the senior scholarships. Everyone agreed the seniors should help out and Mr. Story explained that this would not conflict with the two fundraisers the seniors are allowed to do each year. We did have one issue with this years sale....one student submitted an order but was missing \$74.50 in payment to cover the order. After failed attempts by phone and mail to contact the parent, Lori had to adjust the students order to only the items she could prove had been paid. Nine customers orders were not submitted. Kim Gordinier has a parent-teacher conference with the parent tomorrow night and will let us know of the status. It was discussed that for next year, this child and his siblings, should not be allowed to participate.

**Donation Request Letters:** This discussion was brought up at the last meeting but Lori wanted to get a clarification. Should the letters be requesting donations for supplies for the AG Fair which cost us \$363.00 this year or school supplies for the teachers open house goodie bags which cost us \$750.00. All were in agreement that we should ask for school supplies.

**Elementary Guest Speaker \$100.00 Donation:** Every other year, Sports World, a non-for-profit organization provides guest speakers who stress the importance of morals, values, education and proper decision-making. The program focuses on encouraging, equipping & empowering students. This years speaker was Leah Amico, who is a three-time Olympic Gold Medals for the USA Softball team. Since this organization works on donations only, Mr. Storey put in a written request for us to donate \$100.00 towards this assembly (as well as \$100.00 from Booster Club and \$100.00 from the BHCS district). Lori Redden made the motion to accept the request for \$100.00 and Kim Gordinier seconded. Kim Gehrke made a check out to Sports World and submitted it to Mr. Storey.

**Yearbook PTO Ad:** Letters to Parents of Seniors were sent out a couple of weeks ago. The deadline for ads is in February. Kim Gehrke is going to email Ms. Locy for further details.

**Box Tops/Soup Labels:** Lori completed a collection box which is currently sitting on the greeter's desk in the lobby and emailed all elementary teachers to notify them of this. There has been some positive feedback and it seems to be working well. We currently have roughly \$515.00 in Box Tops coming in December. Soup Labels will be completed in the near future.

**Rags n' Reads (LuAnne Rowsam) Fundraiser:** The owner of Rags n' Reads in Adams has offered to sponser a fundraiser for us. She will give us 10% of total sales for 1 specific day - Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10-4. She sponsored a smiliar fundraiser for Linda Zehr and was able to raise over \$400.00 for Linda. She created a flyer which will be copied and sent home with the student during the week of Thanksgiving. We do not need volunteers to work, but any PTO member that can, should stop by to help represent the PTO.

**Kris Kringle:** We are all set....Shopping and pricing has been completed. Lori will create a sign-up sheet for seniors if they would like to work by helping students shop during any available study hall. Kim Gordinier will get this sign-up sheet to Mr. Soluri.

**Fun Day Fundraiser:** We are postponing this fundraiser idea due to already having Rags n' Reads and Kris Kringle occuring in December. We can reconsider this as a mid-winter

fundraiser idea if needed or do another movie night.

**Reading Program Request from Mrs. Nortz:** Kim Gordinier stated that we have been assigned to do Hot Chocolate and popcorn during this event in January. Kim was unable to attend the last Reading Program meeting so she is still not certain on who is going to cover the cost of the supplies. She will let us know.

**End-of-Year Awards:** Lori emailed all of the elementary teachers on Oct 15th to see if they wanted any changes to the current list. Lori did get a response back from Rebecca Eastman who suggested that she would like to see the pensmanship award for first grade replaced with a math award. Kim Gordinier stated that with all the teachers getting ready for confernces end-of-year awards were not a priority. She suggested that we address this issue again in February after she has had a chance to bring it up at a Grade-Level Meeting.

**New Business:**

**Senior Scholarship Application:** Officers tabled the review until next time

**Next Meeting:** Tues, Jan. 20, 2015 @ 6:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:25pm