

PHELPS SCHOOL PTO MEETING

▪ **SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

▪ **ATTENDANCE:** T.Urbinati, S. Weiners, K. Rosati, D. Jorgensen, K. Cohen, S. Canney, MJ. Theis, B. Walsh, S. Chenevert, C. Schneider, J. Sauter, N. Turgeon, S. Fogue, J. Fogue, K. Lippmann, H. Parolo, S. Peters, J. Ouimette, A. Pioggia, K. O'Connor, S. Fleury, J. Banaitis, J. Ebreo, L. Wepler, T. Crossotti, L. Hill, E. Lee, S. Vasicek, K. Consolini, C. Gilbert, N. Vargas, T. Croteau

▪ **7:01 MEETING BEGINS**

- Introduction of the executive PTO board
- Welcome all Kindergarten parents.
- **TREASURES REPORT**, K. Rosati stated current balance \$5000.00
- PTO funded teachers with start up money totaling \$3000.00, \$100.00 per teacher and \$50.00 per asst.
- Pledge cards for fundraiser were courtesy of JMC printing. Please email Phelpsnewsletter@yahoo.com to advertise your business. Devin Jorgensen handles these matters.
- First year without doing a Fall catalog fundraiser, pledge cards are due 9-20-11. The day of the march is 9-28-11, School Spirit day and PBIS kick off day.
- **TEACHERS REPRESENTATIVES**, Ms. Jane Sauter and Ms. Sharon Vasicek, teachers expressed gratitude for the \$100.00 start-up money from the PTO.
- **PRINCIPALS REPORT**, Mrs. Urbinati asked parents to supply their email address for the new computer program. Feedback was also solicited for Back to School Night in reference to allotting time slots for each grade so that parents with more than one child in the school can attend each class on back to school night for the teacher presentation. Idea was well received and Phelps will try it this year, a PP will go home with kids stating the time slots for each grade. Parents were reminded to also get their CORI check done at the central office and attend a parent volunteer orientation. CORI checks are good for 2 or 3 years.
- Picture day volunteers are all set.
- **BAKE SALE** Cara Schneider is chairing the election day bake sale on Nov. 8, 2011. Info about baking and selling will be in the PP. Cara also requests raffle donations.
- **USED BOOK SALE** Bev Walsh is chairing the book sale which will be held on Oct. 22, 2011. She is looking for volunteers to help set up on Fri. night prior, some Dads would be helpful as well as parents with vans and suv's for transporting books. If possible donations should try and be "categorized".

- **FACEBOOK** Cara Schneider is in charge of the Web page.
- Fourth grade committee info to come at future PTO meetings.
- There will be NO PTO meeting in December, a holiday celebration, possibly at a restaurant will be in place of meeting.
- **BIRTHDAY BOARD** Sandy Canney is the school photographer and takes birthday pictures, she will contact the parent who volunteered to do that months board when the pics are ready. List passed around and a parent volunteered for ea. month.
- **COPY MOMS** a list was circulated and a mom signed up for M-F, services may not be needed daily though.
- **MAGICAL NIGHT OF GIVING** Traci Croteau is the chairperson for this event. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket and all proceeds go to Phelps School PTO. The ticket enables you to shop at the Holyoke Mall on November 20th from 6-9:30 p.m. when the mall is closed to the public. Only 100 tickets available, first come first serve.
- **VENDOR NIGHT** Stacy Weiners chairs this event, she requested it be the same evening as parent/teacher conferences on Dec., 8, 2011. Anyone with a product to sell can contact Stacy through Phelps PTO email. Vendor night will be on Dec. 8, 2011
- **SCHOOL BANKING** East Hampton Savings bank wants to do a banking program for Phelps students, a banking Dad stepped forward to volunteer to run this program.
- **SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION** will be done by Kellee Morello and Christine Patterson.
- **FUNDRAISER ECO-BAGS** discussed by D. Jorgensen as a possible Spring fundraiser. If the school sells 100+ units we receive \$10.00 profit from ea. sale. Feedback was positive about this fundraiser from the parents in attendance.
- Phelps families can refer to Schools Web page or Facebook page for the meeting minutes.
- Budget will be voted on at the next PTO meeting.
- K. Consolini asked about the possibility of a parent/child lunch during school and Mrs. Urbinati will look into that.
- D. Jorgensen stepped forward to communicate important school happenings via our sandwich board sign.
- **ADJOURNED 8:05 p.m.**