RBHS PTO MEETING Held on Monday, October 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Pam Powers at 7:07 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Pledge of Allegiance and introductions

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Pam thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight. Thank you to Kristin Smetana for being our presenter tonight.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Sue Huhndorf-Payne to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2014 PTO meeting, second by Renee Buksa. Motion passed. The minutes were approved. To date our membership stands as this: 388 families and 16 faculty for a total of 404. Directories can be picked up from Sue and then again at the parent teacher conference on October 23rd.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Renee presented the PTO financial report dated 9/30/14. She reported that our membership dues are up \$2,000 from last year. Our decal fundraiser is doing well. Renee also presented the Music Sponsor's financial report dated Aug. 2014. A motion was made by Jeannine Glavas-Cowell to approve both financial reports, second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. Motion passed. Financial reports approved.

Staff Grant Approval: Kathi Parisi presented a staff grant request from Kristin Rusinak and Bridget Wilmot, Library Information Specialists. They are looking for a grant to help pay the fee for a professional poet to present to the students, run a poetry workshop and facilitate the poetry slam. The poet they would like to invite is Kevin Coval who is the founder of Louder than a Bomb. If he is unavailable, another poet with similar credentials will be invited. This program benefits the school at the individual, curricular and building level. A motion was made by Kathy Barcal to approve a \$500 grant, second by Doris Perry. Motion passed. The grant was approved.

<u>Staff Memorial</u>: Recently, Mr. Passarella's brother, Dominic passed away. PTO will make a \$75 donation to St. Baldrick's Society as a memorial.

<u>PRESENTATION:</u> Kristin Smetana gave a presentation entitled: "Who You Should Know at RB to Help Your Child Succeed." The presentation was videotaped by RBTV. This will be on the RBHS website along with Kristin's hand out.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>: Parent Teacher Conference on Thursday 10/23 & 10/24. This will be the last chance to pick up the directories. Veteran's assembly breakfast will be on 11/11/14. We are RB will be held on 12/3/14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next PTO meeting will be held on 11/3/14 at 7 p.m. There will not be a December PTO meeting. There will be a presentation at our January 2015 meeting. A motion was made by Kathi Parisi to adjourn the meeting, second by Sue Huhndorf-Payne. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by, Kathy Barcal - Secretary