

St. Joseph Catholic School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

September 10, 2009 @ 8:45am St. Ignatius Room

MINUTES

Attendees: Karlyn Stankye, Patti Vick, Montha Kim, Estela McCoy, Maria Arthur, Laura Mayhook, Jennifer Nelson, Sindhu Kuhle, Meghan Phelps, Shawn Madison, Jill Watson, Jenipher LaCrosse, Deb McGovern, Anne Marie Stateler, Heather Meyer, Melinda Lee, Becki Garrow, Sara Johnson, Banu Sadri, Brian Ness, Misa McCoy, Monica Moya, Kelly Thornburg, Carly Hansen, Piper Cabebe, Joy Baudart, Keri Kutch, Julie Sumpter

Welcome and Prayer: Each grade stood up to introduce themselves. We had representation from each grade! The list of the Board Members & Committee Chairs for 09/10 were handed out. We will put that on the website as soon as possible.

Budget Update – Melinda Lee: We don't have the updated budget yet, but will soon know how much money has been carried over from the previous year. There was a problem with June's account that Melinda is working to get fixed. The PTO will decide on a specific goal when we know what the numbers look like. We need to spend money if we have more than ~\$2,000 carrying over from last year. The money that is earned should benefit the students that are here now, not waiting. Julie Sumpter explained the school fundraising – Sausage Fest and the Auction and how it differs from the PTO. Melinda explained the process for getting reimbursed.

There are 4 main PTO Fundraisers (Scholastic Book Fair in October, Wreath & Poinsettia in November and December, Box Tops & Campbell Soup Labels, and 3rd Tuesday Restaurant Days/Nights) that the PTO uses to 1. Show appreciation to our teachers and staff, 2. Provide Enrichment Assemblies to the students, and 3. Provide Family Fun Events.

A question was raised about the Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels: There is a large amount of supplies the teachers can buy with the points that have been added up so far. It would also be great to have something in the NewsFlash about what was bought with all the Box Tops/Soup Labels. Karen Wright will talk to Michelle Splaver about this.

Quick Review:

- ♥ 8/22/09 New Family Picnic & Buddy Families – Kim LaValley, Alissa Maxwell, and Jessica Kirby coordinated a wonderful event. If anyone has any suggestions to make the picnic better, let one of them know as we are going to debrief soon. A reminder to buddy families that they need to be a buddy all year long, not just at the beginning of school. A few very new families haven't been assigned a Buddy Family yet. I will talk to Kathy Lundy about that.
- ♥ 8/25/09 Teacher Welcome Back Luncheon – Patti Vick talked about how well the luncheon went. It is a nice way to start our teachers and staff off for the year.
- ♥ Summer Reading Program – Karen Wright stated that there are about 90 readers so far! She will be looking into the Scholastic Books Clearance sales. Also, Julie Sumpter will keep Karen informed if we get any more book grants from IQ Credit Union.
- ♥ A few changes this year: Two PTO sponsored items that are not going to happen this year are:
 - Fruit Basket Sales and the Advent Program Reception are gone for sure.
 - Cake Auction – I will be asking the Dad's Spaghetti Dinner if they want to take this over since we lost our coordinator and it always felt like we were out of place there.

What's Next:

- ♥ 9/15/09 Back To School Night & Uniform Exchange – help clean up if able.
- ♥ 9/25/09 Sock Hop – Jill Watson – Changes this year include Hamburgers and Hot Dogs from Patrick's Hawaiian Café (with presales) and Beer and Wine will be served (need TAS trained volunteers.) 8th Grade will again have photo opportunities as a DC fundraiser. A signup sheet was available and will still be posted in the main hall.
- ♥ 10/8/09 Jog-a-Thon – this is not a PTO event, but many volunteers are needed for the day and also volunteers to help with the donations.
- ♥ 3rd Tuesday Restaurants – Sara Johnson updated the group on what we have so far. Each restaurant has different requirements so each month look for the specifics. We will start off with Patrick's Hawaiian Café – he's a school family.
- ♥ Requests for help: 1. Making Emergency Packs (as soon as we get emergency blankets from Fred Meyer – they are ordered but I also asked for a donation so we will see what happens), 2. Secretary, 3. Making flyers for the grades responsible for different activities, 4. Spring Plant Chairperson

Looking Ahead:

- ♥ Book Fair (10/29/09 – 11/5/09) – Laura Veasy will be having a meeting in the next few weeks.
- ♥ Wreath/Poinsettia Sale (begins 10/16/09) – Mona Carrick/Sara Johnson – will still sell advent wreaths with candles and candles alone. That was nice last year.
- ♥ Conferences - food for teachers (dinner 10/14/09, lunch 10/21/09) –Last year we didn't have anyone coordinating and I think it worked OK. It was very casual and people just brought in food. We may put in on the NewsFlash instead of asking the baking team – (I'm concerned that we would have way too much food though.)
- ♥ Fall Extracurricular Activities: CYT@School (Christian Youth Theater), Fencing, KidzArt, Mad Science, Babysitting (the Red Cross allows 12 years and up to take this class)
- ♥ Assemblies Planned – Brian Ness told us about the January assembly: The Recycle Man (costing us about \$375), and the April assembly: Birds of Prey (costing us about \$295). He is working on one more. And we had one school family purchase a school assembly from OMSI.

Open Discussion/Next meeting: October 8, 2009 EVENING MEETING!

- ♥ Online scholastic purchases need to have a school code. We will try to find this out and get it out to families.