

OCTOBER PTO MINUTES

St. Joseph Catholic School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
October 8, 2009 @ 7pm in Room 17

Attendees: Karlyn Stankye, Patti Vick, Jill Watson, Melinda Lee,
Anne Nakagawa, Sara Johnson, Julie Nebels, Laura Veasy, Renee Sale.

Opening Prayer

Budget Update by Melinda Lee

- ♥ **Year Ahead Budget** was handed out. The PTO has a balance forward of \$5,575.72. Last year the library was able to use the last of the book fair money that was set aside for the new library. The PTO traditionally keeps about \$2,000 going forward to the next year. And, money that is raised should go to the students that are here now. The PTO should not be storing money for the future because that is not in the scope of the PTO. We would like to spend \$3,000 of the balance this year.
- ♥ **Should we plan on a specific goal?** There were multiple ideas talked about, including: a new slide to replace the one that's been broken for over a year; a shed for all the balls, hula hoops, and outdoor toys; a playground for the kinder/preK kids; and helping to add fun items to the new covered play structure. Karlyn will talk to Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Lundy to see what the school "wish list" might include. If any parents would like to give a suggestion, please e-mail Karlyn or Patti.

Quick Review:

- ♥ **9/15/09 Back To School Night & Uniform Exchange** – Next year, Melinda Lee and Jill Watson would like to talk about the Sock Hop (wearing poodle skirts ☺) since there were many new families who really didn't understand what the dance was.
- ♥ **9/25/09 Sock Hop** update by Jill Watson & Melinda Lee – They would like to have the dance one week later if possible. This year the dance was earlier for scheduling reasons, but it seemed to come quick after Sausage Fest. We made money this year, probably due to the sale of alcohol and having different food. Some suggestions for next year: adding Terriyaki Chicken to the Hot Dog/Hamburger menu; maybe only have one grade bring cookies since there were so many left over (and we still are having problems with families bringing in cookies with nuts/peanuts which can't be used); organized games in the courtyard maybe ran by the 7th/8th graders; whistles for the monitors in the courtyard; double the monitors; stock the bathroom before the dance.
- ♥ **10/8/09 Jog-a-Thon** – This is not a PTO event but we try to assist with volunteers. If anyone would like to help Julie Sumpter with the money/thank you/donation letters please call her.
- ♥ **Emergency Packs** – Fred Meyer denied our request for emergency blankets. Karlyn will be ordering 100 and hope to get a discount from the vender. There were many people who said they could help put them together and Karlyn will contact them as soon as the blankets are bought.

What's Next:

- ♥ **10/29/09 – 11/5/09 Book Fair** – Laura Veasy had a great turnout at the book fair meeting. One change this year will be the Faith Formation/Parents Only/Christmas Night will all be on one night. Ms. Larkin is working on fun decorations. If needed, a signup sheet will be posted in the main hall and a note put on the NewsFlash for volunteers.
- ♥ **10/16/09 Wreath/Poinsettia Sale** - Sara Johnson gave an update. The prices will remain the same except for the small wreath. There are enough advent candles to sell for this year. Julie Nebels will e-mail the list of volunteers who signed up on the PTO Volunteer form to Mona Carrick.
- ♥ **10/14/09 & 10/21/09 Conferences** – Karlyn e-mailed the baking team already asking them to bring in finger foods for the teachers. This not a coordinated event, so whatever comes in will be fine.

- ♥ **3rd Tuesday Restaurants** – Sara Johnson and Karlyn talked about the first two of the year. We want to get them in the church bulletin too.
 - Patrick’s Hawaiian Café 10/20/09 – The flyer has been sent out and will be on the website. We are trying a “pick up kid, pick up food” at pickup time. Wonder if Patrick can be at pickup about 20 minutes before pickup. Also, wonder how we are going to do the drive thru families – they may have to park.
 - Red Robin 11/17/09 – The Vancouver mall location. All the students will go home that day with a sticker to wear to remind families of the night. Sara is working on getting the actual Robin to come to the school.

Looking Ahead:

- ♥ **Casino Night (November 13)** (Not a PTO event) – PTO donated \$175 in alcohol left over from Sock Hop. If anyone can volunteer that night, please contact Courtney Givens.
- ♥ **School Supply Pre-Order** – Karlyn e-mailed 3 different companies regarding school supplies. Only Staples e-mailed back. So far we’ve only heard positive thoughts on this idea from parents at this school and at other schools that we’ve talked to. There are less expensive ways of getting school supplies, but the convenience of having them in one box and ready to go on the first day is the advantage. One idea is to “round up” on the prices and use the money to help those families that may not be able to afford a box. Karlyn is still in contact with Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Lundy on this idea.
- ♥ **Spirit Shop** – we are still working on this, though slowly.
- ♥ **Babysitting course** – Patti Vick is coordinating this. The class is scheduled for November and is open to kids as young as eleven. There are many other classes the Red Cross offers. Patti will look into more.

Open Discussion:

- ♥ If KidzArt donates money back to the school, can we give that money to Ms. Larkin to help the Art Room?
- ♥ Auction – Sara Johnson went to the first meeting. The auction will be here, in Marian Hall, on May 15th. There will be a much greater need for more volunteers this year. The PTO should be able to assist in getting volunteers.

Next meeting: November 12, 2009 @ 8:45am in St. Ignatius Room