

St. Joseph Catholic School PTO Meeting

Meeting Notes December 10, 2009

Attendees: Karlyn Stankye, Patti Vick, Mona Carrick, Brian Ness, Melinda Lee, Jenipher LaCrosse, Estela McCoy, Laura Veasy, Heather Meyer, Jennifer Nelson, Karen Wright, Keri Kutch, Sara Johnson, Jill Watson, Kimberly Iverson, Sindhu Kuhle

Opened in Prayer

Junior Achievement guest speakers, Ronan Eggleston and Meuy Saeteurn:

- a. Want to bring JA to St. Joseph School
- b. PTO has been asked to help assist in funding JA
 - a. Training at JA or on site (probably will occur here on site)
 - b. Goal = all grade levels (but so far there are about 5 grades that want it. Public schools try for 75-100%)
 - c. \$150 per class/\$300 per grade level (kit includes all needed copies, etc. for 30 kids)
 - i. Talk with outside businesses, parish groups for sponsors
 - 1. Karen Wright will talk to the Catholic Professional Group to see if they may be interested in funding
 - 2. Rotary is another group
 - 3. Any donations to the school is tax deductible so people can donate to help fund JA and get a tax deduction.
 - ii. Some funding could come from PTO
 - d. Would need one volunteer per classroom or grade level (5 sessions of 30-45 minutes each)
 - e. On our timeline – many schools use late Spring
 - f. Discussion followed as to why teachers may hesitate
 - i. Too much curriculum to cover – what will have to go to make room
 - ii. Not familiar with program
 - g. The PTO still has ~ \$700 in the budget for assemblies that could possibly be designated to JA.
 - h. Patti and Karlyn plan to meet with Kathy Lundy to talk about this.

Budget report

- a. \$6000 in account from wreaths and bookfair, but still many bills to pay
 - a. Wreath sales went well.
 - i. Need new co-chair as Sara Johnson would rather not co-chair again (Jenipher LaCross volunteered to co-chair)
 - ii. Discussion on marketing through church bulletin

Covered Play Area

- a. Jog-A-Thon report from Julie Sumpter
 - a. \$18,000 so far this year

- b. Covered play meeting – not a huge turnout
- c. 3 visual options will be in display case with a comment box soon
- d. Will compile responses in January and then send a packet home to families for input
- b. Hope to have design by architect in February
 - a. Will go to city for permit (good for 5 years)
 - b. \$82,000 raised so far. Need about \$125,000 depending on design

Other business

- a. “3rd Tuesday Restaurant Days”
 - i. November’s Red Robin was very well attended. We received a check for \$190.
 - ii. December’s Pizzicato is next. Preorders are due Friday.
 - iii. January is Juliano’s and we are still waiting to hear back from McMenamins on the Columbia.
- b. Pre-Packaged School Supplies
 - i. The contract has been signed. This will be an optional item. The teachers are no going thru their lists. It is not a fund-raiser.
- c. Holiday Luncheon
 - i. Will probably add a chairperson to organize more volunteers next year (Suzy Knight would like about 15)
 - ii. Good turnout in Marian Hall
- d. Teachers gifts from the PTO
 - i. Please sign cards
 - ii. Need volunteer for Secret Santa on 12/17 (Mona Carrick volunteered)
 - iii. Need volunteer to put gift cards in teacher boxes on 12/18 (Patti Vick volunteered)
- e. Family Directory will go home this Friday 12/11/09
- f. No Advent reception this year
 - i. If people ask: no coordinator = no reception
- g. Catholic Schools Week
 - a. Grandparents Day is Feb 1, 2009. Lunch will be in Marian Hall
 - b. Thursday morning reception (previously Doughnut Day)
 - i. No doughnuts so it was decided that room parents will ask for treats
 - ii. PTO/School will provide coffee
- h. Lost & Found help has been requested by office – (Jennifer Nelson, Estela McCoy and Jill Watson volunteered)
- i. Jennifer Nelson also offered to help with Uniform Exchange
- j. Can the boiler room be cleaned one day? Patti and Karlyn will talk to Kathy about that. It needs a major spring cleaning.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45am. Next meeting: January 14, 2010

Notes taken by Heather Meyer