

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

In attendance, Mrs. Tierney, 27 parents and 8 teachers

Agenda and Meeting Notes:

Opening prayer was given by Mrs. Tierney

Issues List

None to report

Secretary report from 9/14 meeting

Motion to accept by Ed Godek and Jennifer Skibel

Treasurer's report

Balance as of 9/14/11: \$1953.00

Deposits:

 \$1075 received from vendor fair

 \$780 received from dues

Payments: \$741.35

Current Balance: \$3066.65

Principal's report

Refer to Principal's PTO Report published separately on the PTO web page.

Parish Council update

No meeting to date so no update to provide.

School Board

Refer to report from School Board/PTO Liaison from Bethaney Healy published separately on PTO web page.

Old Business:

Toast to the Future – School's Big Fundraiser

~ Doug Loughrey provided an update on behalf of the Gala Committee

~ Event scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd

~ Ticket price has been adjusted to \$35 per person

~ Not selling tickets the night of the event due to the need to plan for the caterer

~ Selling tickets at the church at all masses weekend of 10/15 & 10/16 & at school

~ Several Silent Auction items secured. Refer to Notice and Happenings web page, Toast to the Future posting with a link to the [Sample Listing of Gala Prizes](#)

~ Approximately 70-75 tickets sold as of 10/12.

~ Last day to buy tickets 10/21

Vendor Fair – Chairperson Dora Courchesne

- ~ Planning going well.
- ~ Almost at capacity with vendors (firm 40 booked and 10 more tentative)
- ~ Many of the vendors are repeat vendors who have come from years past
- ~ Raffle prizes include American Girl Doll, Girls and Boys Bicycles from Highland Hardware and Bike Shop www.highlandbike.com
- ~ **Still looking for volunteers!** A notice will be going home soon. Looking specifically for sign/flyer hangers, people to set up the day before the Fair and throughout the Fair. The hope is that enough volunteers will step-up to allow the vendor fair committee to do some shopping themselves.
- ~ PDF is available on the Happenings section of the website. Those who can are encouraged to send the PDF to family, friends, co-workers etc. . .

- ~ Beth Duggan stated that she noticed through her attendance at recent vendor fairs that Vendors are promoting the MD Vendor Fair and displaying the MD Vendor Fair Postcard at their tables.
- ~ Kudos to Lisa Balicki for her strategic placement of the tables and accommodating special location requests.

New Business:

Dinner with Santa – update given by Jennifer Skibel

Event will be held on December 10th after the 4pm Mass

New Santa this year. Jessica Powers secured one of the Santa's from Yankee Candle
Religious Ed children from Our Lady of the Cross are also welcome to attend

Gingerbread Shoppe

More info to come in the future. See prior paperwork that was sent home for dates.

Donation for Contant Family Benefit

Benefit for Nancy and her family. Sharon gave a motion to present something from the PTO – motion accepted to make a donation of \$200. The School will be doing a \$1.00 dress down day and the teachers will be assembling and raffling off a lottery tree.

Various Parent Questions:

- Q) Sweaters – Is there an option for cardigan sweaters for the boys? Blakes is indicating it's not part of the uniform policy?
- A) Yes, per Mrs. Tierney a navy blue cardigan is ok to wear.
- Q) BINGO – Does the Chairperson have to be a parent of a student at the school or can it be someone from the church.
- A) Mrs. Tierney and F. Alex will be discussing options in the near future.
- Q) Does Our Lady of the Cross have a box to collect Box Tops?
- A) Sharon Orr will check and if not recommendation is to have Parish Liaison place a box at the Church.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully submitted: Laura L Evans, PTO Secretary