

## **PTO Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

**In attendance: Father Alex, Mrs. Tierney 25 parents and 4 teachers**

### **Agenda and Meeting Notes:**

**Opening prayer was given by Father Alex**

### **Treasurer's report**

Motion to accept last month's treasurer's report by Mrs. Tierney and Merrill Desrosiers

Balance as of 11/9/11: \$7304.52

Deposits: \$676.68 received from vendor fair

Payments: \$734.45

Current Balance: \$7246.95

### **Principal's report**

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

Note information re: upcoming volunteer opportunities, events taking place during Catholic School's week & Mrs. Tierney's trip to Burkina Faso, Africa.

Note – Mrs. Lacey's mother passed away this week, please pray for her

### **Fr Alex Comments**

Having Winter Bazaar 2/18 and 2/19. This is a very important fundraiser for the school and parish. The profit from the summer bazaar was not as much as prior years therefore it is hopeful that we will see

Comment on the amount of loss (death) that has happened this year. At the recent blessing of the classrooms, Fr Alex noted the observation of a MD teacher adding a prayer for families and discussed with students the sensitivity for students/families impacted by this. Teachers are not only teaching academics but are also teaching them sensitivity. He noted how Christian and beautiful this was to see. Please prayer for the students, families and teachers during these difficult times.

### **School Board update**

Refer to report from School Board/PTO Liaison from Bethaney Healy published separately on PTO web page. Note - the need to spear head representation at the 2012 St Patrick's Day Parade. Those in attendance who have marched before have stressed the **importance of having a MD School presence at the Parade.**

### **Parish Council update**

Refer to report from Parish Council/PTO Liaison from Ed Godek published separately on PTO web page.

### **Old Business**

Report on December activities

- Dinner with Santa – report given by Jennifer Skibel. Approximately 40 families attended however attendance was far less than prior years. Thinking of doing something different for 2012.
- Gingerbread Shoppe – went well and the teachers in attendance specifically commented on how well run it was. Shopping for next year is underway.

### **New Business**

#### **PTO donations:**

Donation to the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade dance that occurred on 1/7

Donation to Alyssa Bellefeuille's education fund

Winter Bazaar – striving to have bake sale booth and a basket booth. **Volunteers are needed to work both of these booths.** A request form will be going home soon. Mrs. Tierney will offer students a dress down day for contributing bake sale items. Chair of the event has asked us to consider doing 2-3 baskets from the school in lieu of doing one from each class. The theme of the Bazaar is a Circus theme. Mrs. Tierney will be working with the faculty to come up with theme ideas for the baskets.

Family Bingo – Ed Godek interested in doing family bingo again this year. The event will take place in March. The final date will be published soon.

Cookie Dough fundraiser – Those in attendance voted yes to have this fundraiser again this year. Response rate is typically great with net profit ranging from \$2,500 - \$3,000. Suggested timeframe is mid-March through mid-April. Anyone interested in helping Sharon Orr coordinate this can contact the school office.

#### Reimbursement Requests:

Approved budget at beginning of year \$9,000 income and \$6,280 expenses. To date we have approximately \$1,000 more than what we have approved to spend at the beginning of the year.

~ Lunch for teacher's who attend open house – approve for \$75

~ Bullying curriculum – approve for \$1,500

~ Assembly – approve for \$400 (*may change depending on result of cookie dough fundraisers*)

~ Day Planners – approve for approximately \$800 (*may change depending on result of cookie dough fundraisers*).

VP Officer Position: If you are interested in getting involved, please let us know. If it's too soon this year, keep the PTO Officer Board in mind for the next school term.

Parking lot for St. Patrick's Day Road Race: Fr. Alex covered this topic. A portion of the proceeds from this typically go to the endowment fund. Last year we had a profit of \$5,000. Someone from the race committee has asked to rent the parking lot for \$2,000. Those in attendance agreed that the preference is to continue overseeing the parking spaces ourselves (some of the dads specifically enjoy doing this) and not rent to the race committee.

#### **Various Parent Questions:**

Q) If someone has exceeded their 10 hours of volunteer time do they need to continue to log them?

A) No, there is no need to continue to log hours beyond 10.

Q) Please clarify "no children" coming to the painting session on Saturday the 14th?

A) Mrs. Tierney has requested that anyone below middle school age refrain from attending.

Q) Can parents be notified of whether their child will be receiving an award at the Achievement Assemblies?

A) For now Mrs. Tierney's preference is to keep this a secret and not share in advance with the parents.

Q) When sending home requests for volunteers can parents sign up on-line?

A) Sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted on-line and can be printed and returned to Mrs. Tierney.

Q) Will the Variety Show that typically takes place during Catholic School's week be held this year?

A) There are no plans to do the Variety Show this year however one may be considered for next year.

Q) Can someone sponsor a child in Burkina Faso, Africa (*see Principal report for details*) & will Mrs. Tierney need supplies for her trip?

A) Yes, anyone interested in sponsoring a child can do so for approximately \$19.00 a month & she will be seeking some supplies (e.g. dry baby wipes, diaper pins). See Mrs. Tierney if interested.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55

Respectfully submitted: Laura L Evans, PTO Secretary