

PTO Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2009

In Attendance: Deanna Hancock , Elsa Robinson, Jen Copeland, Judy McCarville, Caren Bailey, Kelly Fitzmaurice, Celeste Furey, Annabelle Mendoza, Bob Whitehouse, Susan Hoopes, Marissa Bell

Scrip Committee Report: Deanna and Elsa

- Net profits to date \$8000, last year profits were much higher at this point.
- Valentine Candy not selling hopefully will go at Saturday Mass.
- Fast Food cards did not sell like committee had hoped they would.
- Christmas sales were down from previous years, however when limit was lifted sales were better.
- Committee needs more volunteers! Many are leaving after they have met their 35 hour requirement.
- Next statement comes out at end of February.

Presidents Report: Jen Copeland

- End of Year Picnic and Field Day will be combined on May 8th!
 - Need room parents to coordinate volunteers for booths and food. Grade levels will be assigned certain tasks.
 - PTO will provide the burgers and hot dogs

Authors Week: Judy McCarville

- Authors Week was a huge success
- Teachers and students very supportive by weeks end!
- Not sure if this can be a yearly event due to funds but hope to at least make it biannual.
- Mrs. B was a giant success!
- Hope to make this a Reading Month next time with 1st week Bookfair, 4th week Authors Week.
 - Many alternative ideas were proposed too.
- All authors except Susan Lowell donated books to our library.
- Reading Night was not as great a success as math night, may have to advertise better for future nights!

Uniform Committee: Caren Bailey

- Sales are good, but have lots of freebies to get rid of!

CTO: Bob Whitehouse

- CTO Contributions were down from last year: 2008, 340,000 vs 2007, 369,000, however the number of families who supported CTO increased from 486 to 525 contributing.
- We are currently #2 or #3 in the diocese with our CTO contributions but could be better with large number of parishioners in our parish.
- We are one of the only schools in the diocese that use fund availability and don't draw from parish.
- The CTO office will be addressing the Fund Availability and it will be done differently in the future. You will have to contribute to CTO to take the scholarship. May be in effect for 2009 but more than likely closer to 2010.
- Still time to raise funds from Corporate Companies.

General Meeting:

Teacher Reports: Dr McDermott

Pre-K:

- Children thankful for Authors Week, the hospitality was great!
- Seraphim/cherubim made valentines for elderly.

Kinder:

- Thanks for Authors Week, loved it!
- Actively training for jog-a-thon!
- Students participated in Science fair

3rd:

- SRC Lexile 703, each student too extra test to increase 83% over 75%.
- 92% achieved prof./adv. Lexile level

7th:

- Dissections are now taking place
- Constitution and Western US being studied
- Beattitudes in religion

8th:

- Studying Physics
- Studying Earthquakes and Volcanoes

PTO Report:

- Recently purchased 10 new computers
 - Some were broken and are switching to flat screen monitors
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade need keyboarding and if successfully type up to 35 wpm they do not have to take in High School.
- Hoping to get 15 more computers in near future

Principals Report: Dr. McDermott

- All registration packets back except for 4 families
- Four factors will be checked for next year: Donations to Parish, Service Hours, Annual Appeal, and Scrip.
- Accreditation Team here in two weeks, see Accreditation Q's and Answers on website.