

October 2008 PTO Minutes

The PTO meeting was held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2008 in the School library. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Lynn Burgard, President.

Opening Prayer

Motion to approve September 2008 PTO minutes was made by Duffy Meyer and seconded by Cressy Aberle. The motion carried

Old Business:

PTO meetings: Attendance at the meetings will be checked to see whether to continue alternating Friday afternoons and Wednesday evening meetings. Dates and times for upcoming meetings are listed on the PTO agenda (attached).

8th Grade Class trip Fundraising: Tom Hesford reported that the matter was brought up at the last school board meeting. The school board recommended that any fundraising would need to be ok'd by the PTO. Also, They recommended Tom Hesford write a policy regarding the 8th grade trip so some guidelines would be established going forward. Tom said he would have that policy drawn up before the next school board meeting.

Fall Dance: It will be Friday October 17th from 6:00-9:00. There will be concessions and Stacy Sturm will DJ for it.

Braided Bread: Claudia Nagel sent out forms and they will be delivered the Monday before Thanksgiving. Ann Hill had mentioned that she was willing to co-chair and help out but no one has gotten a hold of her regarding this. Lynn will contact Claudia and visit with her about that.

Family Fun Night: This event will be held on February 21st this year. It is later than we usually have it because we did not want to conflict with the high school's carnival. Lynn indicated we are still looking for a concessions chair and also another co-chair for the midway. Bernadette Dosch and her husband will co-chair the midway but one more is needed.

Dominoes Pizza Night: Every Thursday will be pizza night. \$3 from each order will go to the school. The party will still be just once a month after all sales are calculated and will go the class with the most participation for the month. The form/flier is on the new website.

Campbell's Soup Labels & Box Tops for Education: Shauna Greff is the coordinator of this fundraiser. She reported that she sent home at the beginning of the school year the list of eligible products and informed parents there will not be a contest this year so they need to be sure and drop them off as the box tops have expiration dates. There is information on both of these programs as well as "Tyson" labels on the website under the PTO information. Last year the Campbell's labels were built up enough that the preschool and kindergarten teachers got to order many items for their classrooms. Once it is built up again, the 1st and 2nd grade teachers will be able to use them. The box top website has additional ways for our school to earn money. They have a box top marketplace where you can go and do online shopping and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our school. There are also bonus opportunities on the site that allow for people to enter daily to contests with a chance for additional box tops for the school

New Business:

New School Website: The new website is up and Tom Hesford urges parents to go take a look. It has a lot of information on it and more is being added. Scrip is now available through the site. Tuition and hot lunch payments will be added soon through the use of paypal. Also, report cards and grade books will be available online hopefully by the start of next semester.

Mouse Pads for School: By parent teacher conferences, the school hopes to have mouse pads with the internet address on them. The parish is also interested in getting mouse pads for all parishioners. They were also discussing magnets with the address on it. Tom Hesford asked whether PTO would be willing to pay for

the ones being ordered for the school or at least help with the cost of them. Cressy Aberle made a motion to cover the cost of the mouse pads for the school up to \$400. Kari Zeien seconded the motion and the motion carried.

8th Grade Class Request: Shawn Morlock reported that the 8th graders this year do want to go on a class trip at the end of the year. To earn money for their trip they had asked if they could sell glow necklaces and cotton candy at the Fall dance. Shawn Morlock wondered if some concrete decisions could be made concerning the class trip so in years to come we don't run into problems as far as what can and cannot be done to earn money. Tom Hesford recommended decisions be made for this year for now and once his policy is made regarding the 8th grade trip it can go forward and there could be further discussion. The 8th grade parents are willing to take over concessions for Family Fun Night as there is currently no chair for that event. The PTO budgeted \$400 for concessions that night so there was discussion on whether the 8th grade should pay PTO a portion of their profits. The 8th grade parents were not willing to pay the full \$400 but were willing to pay a percentage. Shauna Greff made a motion to allow the 8th grade parents to take over concessions and would pay PTO 20% of the profits they made that night. Duffy Meyer seconded that motion. It was noted that the 8th graders would still have to fulfill their Family Fun Night involvement with their booth and any families that had signed up to help with concessions would be reassigned to other areas that evening that needed help. The motion carried.

PTO Dinner for Teachers at Conferences: The PTO buys the teachers dinner during conferences as they are at the school all day and don't get much of a break. These meals are budgeted.

Music Programs and Kaleidoscope DVD's: Stacy Sturm is willing to do these again this year. The price for each DVD will be approximately \$10-\$15. Last year the PTO made \$1154 on these. The Kaleidoscope is set for the week of January 19th – January 23rd.

Teacher/Staff Christmas Gifts: For the past few years the PTO has organized a way for the parents to pool their money and give the teachers some extra money at Christmas. It has been very successful and so they would like to do it again this year. Shauna Greff and Cressy Aberle have the letter from previous years and the program to calculate the amount given to all staff so will do this again this year.

Treasurer Report: (See attached report for budget breakdown)

Pizza Corner Pizza Sales: Profit of approximately \$4000. There are 31 pizzas in the freezer for the school wide pizza party. One of the preschool classes has already had their party.

Football Pool: Profit of approximately \$1800(with all payouts). Squares will be advertised in the church bulletin. Duffy Meyer will see if Father Gene will announce that these are for sale prior to Super Bowl weekend and they will be sold after masses prior to Super Bowl weekend.

Fall Rummage Sale: Profit of approximately \$1800.

Applefest: Profit of approximately \$700.

Other Business:

Liz Bihrlle would like to attend a conference and requested additional funding to go. Kari Zeien made a motion that Liz Bihrlle could use the \$100 allotted to her for continuing education plus PTO would give her an additional \$100 out of the \$1000 grant monies the PTO set up for such requests. Denise Jordan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Denise Jordan asked to have the Light for the Future fundraiser explained to her. Cressy Aberle and Tom Hesford explained that parishioners can purchase a candle to be lit at midnight mass in honor or memory of a loved one. Last year the PTO made approximately \$576 on this but had a lot of printing expenses that we will not have this year because extras were made.

Tom Hesford indicated that the parish is having their ministry fair this weekend and he is looking for parent volunteers to sit at the grade school booth for all masses. 4:30 – Cressy Aberle, 9:00 – Shauna Greff, 11:00 – Bernadette Dosch, 6:30 – Shelly Vecchia

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Lynn Burgard, President.