

The PTO meeting was held on Friday, January 16th, 2009 in the Multipurpose Room. Meeting was called to order at 12:18 p.m. by Lynn Burgard, President.

Opening Prayer

Old Business:

Super Bowl Football Raffle: Reminder sheets went home with the kids. They are not selling very many right now. Lynn Burgard will send an email out to all on her email list with the order form and it will also be placed on the website. Cressy Aberle will email Lynn the list of winners from the regular season so that can get posted as well. We will meet budget and expect to be over with this fundraiser.

Irish Kaleidoscope: Will start next week. The North Dakota Council of the Arts will reimburse for _ the cost. The bill so far is \$5350 but there will still be hotel expenses and supply expenses. The total amount from PTO would be approximately \$3300. PTO will pay the school \$2675 (1/2 the fee) now and settle up once all bills are in. The production will be Friday, January 23rd at 1:15. There needs to be someone to sit at a table and take free will donations. This is a requirement of the ND Council of the Arts. The money from the free will is then to be put towards another art program in the future. Stacy Sturm is going to be videoing the production.

Family Fun Night: We are still looking for a co-chair for the Midway, Concessions are being handled by the 8th grade class and Shawn Morlock said they are having a meeting soon to finalize what they will be serving and get that list to Lynn so she can post it. We are still in need of “live” and “silent” auction items. Tom Hesford gave the “ok” to auction off teacher and principal for a day. There was talk of possibly having last year’s winner talk about it to get more interested. The silent auction will have closings every 15 minutes. The exact times for the midway and silent auction have not been determined yet.

PTO Communication via Email: Lynn currently has 66 email addressees from the family sheets. She has sent out an email and gave the parents the option of not receiving them and has had no negative comments. She hopes more parents will opt for this form of communication and give her their email addresses.

PTO Payment to the School Board: This was brought up at the December School Board meeting and was well received. The \$10,000 is already in the 2008-2009 budget and Tom Hesford’s preliminary budget for 2009-2010 has the total amount in as well. It was mentioned that the amount would go down in increments such as \$7500 for next budget year. PTO will know more closer to April when the budgets need to be approved.

Open PTO Board Positions beginning 7/1/2009: Lynn Burgard asked everyone to spread the word about the 2 open PTO Board positions. Secretary and Treasurer will be voted on at the Spring Showcase. If anyone is interested they can refer to Shauna Greff and Shawn Morlock who currently hold those positions.

New Business:

Treasurer Report: (See attached report for budget breakdown)

Light for the Future – under budget

Barnes and Noble – over budget

Santa Store – over budget

Other Business:

Birthday Party: The Friday of Catholic Schools Week, after mass with the Bishop, there will be birthday cake in the cafeteria to celebrate the birthday of our school. All are welcome.

Spring Rummage Sale: The date has been changed to April 25-26 for the spring rummage sale.

Bowling: Because of the money not spent on the Christmas movie, the cost of the bowling will be covered completely this year for the kids during Catholic Schools Week so no parent contribution will be needed. It is set for the afternoon of Friday, January 30th.

Christmas movie: There were some kids that expressed the fact that they did not like the way the movie was done this year, mostly the older grades. Tom Hesford mentioned that it can be discussed next year if changes should be made.

Scrip: Tom Hesford reported that Scrip is doing very well this year. There has not been much traffic on the website for it. The money earned is used to work off the debt that had incurred in previous years.

Teacher CE Money: Sarah Voight had asked whether the money the PTO allows for continuing education could be used to renew her teaching certificate. A motion was made by Cressy Aberle to allow all teachers/staff to use the money set aside for continuing education for either continuing education courses or license fees. The motion was seconded by Shawn Morlock and carried. Tom Hesford will relay this information to all the teachers so they are aware.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. by Lynn Burgard, President.