

PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

The PTO meeting was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in the School Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lynn Burgard – President.

The following board members were present:

Lynn Burgard – President, Duffy Meyer - President-Elect, Karen Fischer – Treasurer, Kathy Glass – Secretary, Tom Hesford – Principal.

Others present:

Katie Johnson

The following board members were absent:

Cressy Aberle – Past President, Cindy Fischer - Teacher Representative, Wendy Kopp – At Large,

Events & Fundraisers Update/Recap:

- **Pastries for Parents Recap** - 190 rolls were served. A suggestion was made to have this event on the first day of school next year with teacher introductions and welcomes. It was also suggested to make half cinnamon rolls and half caramel rolls for next year.
- **Pumpkin Patch Recap** - This event went great despite the weather causing the pumpkin patch to be closed for one week.
- **Fall Dance Recap** – This event went well. The concessions brought in \$364. Some comments were made that it may have been a little too dark and too loud for everyone to enjoy. This year the 6th – 8th graders had their own party at the end of the evening where whacky games were played such as trying to guess what type of food they were touching while being blindfolded. Next year, due to food allergies, special considerations will need to be made when planning this event.
- **Boxtops Collection Contest** – This was a large success for the school. The amount raised from this event is \$640. All the students will be rewarded for their collection efforts with an ice-cream social. The first grade class collected the most Boxtops and their added Bonus for this is to enjoy brownies as well as the ice-cream.
- **New Labels to Clip** – A reminder sheet was sent home with each family to highlight the available merchants who sponsor this promotion and the available products that have labels that can be clipped to earn the school money/points.
- **Light of the Future** – upcoming in December 2009.
- **Santa Store & Breakfast with Santa** – The Santa Store is opening on December 4th for the students and parents to shop from 8 am - 4 pm. There will be gifts for all ages and many featured items that sell for \$5.00 or less. They also have vendors available such as Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Avon, Usborne Books, Creative Memories, handmade jewelry from Sara Christmann and many more. On Saturday, the Santa Store will be open from 10 am - 4 pm. On Sunday, December 6th the public is invited to have their picture taken with Santa courtesy of Art Archuleta of Divine Photography; enjoy a hot breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus; and shop in the Santa store, all to benefit the PTO.
- **Barnes & Noble Fundraiser** – This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th from noon to 6:00 pm at Barnes & Noble. St Mary's will receive a percentage sales of all books purchases on

this day, when a special coupon is presented at check-out. The coupons were sent home, and additional coupons will be available in the store the day of the event.

- **Christmas Bake Sale** – The bake sale is scheduled for December 12th and 13th, after all Masses. All families are encouraged to provide baked goods for the bake sale. Cash donation will be accepted as well. All proceeds will go to provide equipment and supplies for the newly updated computer lab.
- **Teacher/Staff Christmas Cash** – letters are going home to the families soon.
- **Christmas Movie** – The students will be able to enjoy a Christmas movie again this year. The PTO was asked to make popcorn.
- **New Family Mentoring Program** – This program will go into effect at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Existing St Mary's families will be invited to mentor families new to the school, in an effort to help new families feel more welcome and have a better understanding of everything that goes on at the school. More information will follow.

New Business:

- Treasurer Report

Other Business:

- **New Computers** – 23 new computers were ordered for the grade school. Much of the funds needed to supply the school for this purchase came from the memorial funds from Dan Klein and Mrs. Seiler. Tom Hesford is asking the PTO for \$1500 - \$2000 more to finish off the computer lab. The PTO is going to provide the school with the funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Lynn Burgard, President.

Upcoming PTO Meetings

Friday, December 11; 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, January 13; 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
in the School Library with Childcare in the Music Room

Upcoming PTO Events

Light of the Future – December 2009

Santa Store – Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, December 4 - 6, 2009 in the music & multipurpose rooms

Breakfast with Santa – Sunday, December 6 following all morning Masses

Barnes & Noble – Saturday, December 12, 2009, noon to 6:00 pm

Christmas Bake Sale – December 12 & 13, 2009 following all Masses

Family Fun Night Carnival & Silent Auction – Saturday, January 30, 2010