

ST Mary's PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

The PTO meeting was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in the Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Duffy Meyer - President.

The following board members were present:

Duffy Meyer – President, Bernadette Dosch – President Elect, Karen Fischer – Treasurer, Kathy Glass – Secretary, Melanie Konieczka – At Large, Lynn Burgard – Past President, Tony Fladeland – Principal, Cindy Fischer – Teacher Representative.

Others present:

Cressy Aberle, Shawna Greff, Mark and Dawn Rodacker, Suzanne Windsor, Steve Dosch, and Wendy Zander.

Old Business:

- **McQuade Softball Tournament – June 26th and 27th** – The event went very well. Two families were able to complete the work. A check for \$1000 was received for clean-up services.

New Business:

- **Football Pool** – chaired by Duffy Meyer. So far 32 squares have been sold out of 100 for regular season, leaving 68 spots left. If anyone would like a square for the rest of the regular season or a Super Bowl square, please contact Duffy. Duffy has placed an ad and the winners in the bulletin.
- **Pizza Corner** – chaired by Cressy Aberle. A total of 2088 pizzas were sold. The profit amount is estimated at \$6200. A suggestion was made to do this again in the spring as this is such a profitable fundraiser; however, discussion followed and the daycare is involved in a pizza sale at that time so the PTO will not pursue a sale then. The PTO will ask the daycare to send order forms home with SMGS children if they are interested in getting pizzas.
- **Family Involvement Participation Update** – Each family with children attending St. Mary's Grade School has the option of paying a \$150 fee at the end of the school year or to volunteer for three (3) PTO activities. Every family's participation helps the PTO provide enough staff for different fundraising events throughout the year. There are currently about 30 families needing to turn in their family involvement sheets or contact Duffy Meyer ASAP. There are still many events where we are looking for help.
- **Fall Rummage Sale (September 18-19)** – chaired by Diane Huck. This year a change in date was made to have it the weekend following the city-wide garage sales. Last year the sale was the

same weekend and the turnout was not as great as in the past. Diane is currently looking into places to bring the “leftover treasures” to after the event.

- **Fall Dance (October 29)** – Still needs a chairperson. If interested, contact Duffy Meyer ASAP. Duffy will contact Staci Sturm to see if she would like to DJ again. Last year, grades 6-8 participated in their own extra “Spooktacular” event. In order to do this again, a volunteer is need to organize the event. There cannot be any activities with food this year as allergy concerns take precedence. It was also mentioned to invite the preschool and daycare to the event. A motion was made by Shawna Greff and seconded by Lynn Burgard to extend the invitation to the preschool and daycare.
- **Herberger’s Community Days (November 13)** – chaired by Kathy Glass. Volunteers will be needed to sell coupon booklets at the store location on November 12th from noon-2pm. If interested, contact Kathy. Kathy will check with Father Gene to see if these can be sold with Scrip after masses closer to the event.
- **Santa Store (December 3-5)** – chaired by Lynn Burgard. Lynn is new to chair this event and will be checking with the previous chair, Katie Johnson, to see who and how outside vendors participated in the event. It was mentioned that a minimum fee should be in place and not just a charitable offer or a percentage of sales. We will table this discussion until the next meeting.
- **Family Fun Night/Silent Auction (January 22)** –
 - Silent Auction – chaired by Lynn Burgard. Duffy Meyer mentioned the idea of having a tuition reimbursement for donations received to get SMGS families more involved in helping get contributions for the Silent Auction from their outside sources such as friends or place of employment. Different ideas were mentioned as to how to obtain this. Lynn will come up with a proposal for a future meeting.
 - Carnival – chaired be Steve and Bernadette Dosch. Steve mentioned we will need to plan on an extra expense this year as the prizes for the carnival will need to be replenished. A suggestion was made to have a quiet/social/dessert room available for parents this year. One of the classrooms would be needed to accomplish this. More discussion on this will follow closer to the event.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Please see attached budget report

Other Business –

- **Mentor Program** – is doing well. Several families have been matched together and many people have reported positive outcomes with the program.

- **Underwear Drive** – Duffy brought to our attention an opportunity for us to help kids in Kenya by participating in a drive to help by fill a basic request of underwear. Principal, Tony Fladeland, mentioned rather than request families to donate specific kinds of undergarments, to have a Jeans Day to help fund the request and someone else can use the monies donated to purchase items needed. Tony will take care of organizing the event.
- **Safety Markers** – Suzanne Windsor brought up the concern of a safety light/marker outside of the school. This concern will be brought to the attention of the school board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm by Duffy Meyer.

Upcoming PTO Meetings

Friday, October 8th from 12:15 pm –1:15 pm in the South Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, Nov 17th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the Library; Childcare in Music Room
Friday, December 10th from 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm in the South Multipurpose Room