

ST MARY'S PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

The PTO meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 in the teacher's lounge. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm. 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/Media Relations, Cindy Fischer - Teacher Representative.

Others present:

Kari Zeien

The following board members were absent:

Lynn Burgard – Past President, and Tony Fladeland – Principal.

Old Business:

- **Fall Dance** – chaired by Duffy Meyer-President as no volunteer came forward to chair the event. Overall the event was a success and had a good turnout. The preschool was invited to participate for the first time and will be included in years to come. A separate party for the junior high students was planned with games and prizes. The 6th grade class was the only class there to participate, as the 7th and 8th graders were at a tri-school dance at Anne's. It was decided that a special event for junior high students will not be held next year. A discussion of scheduling our Fall Dance at the same time as when the other Catholic schools have their annual event included various pros and cons. No final decision on this topic has been made at this time. It was also discussed that the fence to the classrooms needs to be down for future years during the dance as too many students were running freely around the school and poses too many substantial risks.
- **Herberger's Sale Day** – chaired by Kathy Glass. 38 books were sold at \$5.00 per book. Letters that were sent home to the parents for the option to buy the coupon books. This resulted in 26 coupon book sales and 12 more were sold during a 2-hour selling event at the store the day before the promotion.
- **Pumpkin Patch** – chaired by Rod and Kari Zeien. St. Mary's PTO volunteers drove the small train on weekends at the Pumpkin Patch in October and November. In the past, we shared the train staffing with another group but this year St. Mary's staffed the train for the entire season. In return we were given an increased donation for our efforts. The event was fun and PTO appreciates that the Pumpkin Patch allows us to participate.

New Business:

- **Santa Store** – chaired by Lynn Burgard, Amanda Schaeftbauer, and Katie Johnson. The event will be held December 4-6th. There will also be breakfast served by the KC's and professional pictures with Santa courtesy of Divine Photographics (Art Archuleta) on December 6th.
- **Bake Sale** – this event still needs a chairperson. If interested contact Duffy Meyer. It will be held December 11th and 12th after the four masses at St. Mary's Parish.
- **Barnes and Noble** – chaired by Marci Ekre. A letter will go home to the parents for the event with a coupon attached for a percentage of their total purchase going as a donation to the PTO. The event will be held on December 12th. We are looking for a new chair or co-chair for next year as Marci would like to train someone else in on how to do the event.
- **Staff Christmas Cash** – chaired by Shauna Greff and Shawn Morlock. A letter will go home to the parents asking for a contribution to the St. Mary's Grade School staff. The PTO also makes a contribution to each staff member. It was decided that one check be presented to the instead of two separate checks per the finance committees recommendations.
- **Family Fun Night/Silent Auction – January 22nd**
 - Prizes/Carnival – chaired by Steve and Bernadette Dosch. The prizes for the carnival will need to be replenished. There are extra bracelets and candy from the Fall Dance to use. One idea mentioned for replenishing prizes is shopping CVS and Sears. They have 75% off toys after Christmas.
 - Silent Auction – chaired by Lynn Burgard and Sabrina Renner. The event is also looking for a third chairperson. If interested, contact Duffy Meyer or Lynn Burgard. The bingo room is staying and the dessert room has been tabled for discussion at a later date.

Treasurer's Report – Please see attached budget report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Duffy Meyer.

Upcoming PTO Meetings:

Friday, December 10th from 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm in the South Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, January 12, 2011 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Library *daycare provided