

ST MARY'S PTO Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2011

The PTO meeting was held on Friday, April 8, 2011 in the Multi-purpose Room. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm. by Duffy Meyer - President.

The following board members were present:

Duffy Meyer - President, Karen Fischer - Treasurer, Lynn Burgard – Past President, Cindy Fischer - Teacher Representative, and Tony Fladeland - Principal.

The following board members were absent:

Bernadette Dosch – President Elect

Kathy Glass – Secretary

Melanie Konieczka - At Large/Media Relations

Old Business:

- **Braided Bread** – chaired by Shawn Morlock and Shauna Greff. The fundraiser went very well. We came in slightly under budget, but are very happy with the results. Duffy is going to check on freezer space. Lynn put the pick-up information on the website. Orders are to be picked up on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm. Thank you to Shawn and Shauna for chairing this event.
- **Artist in Residence** – Ali LaRock was a hit! The students loved working with her and are very excited about an art show featuring their work during the Spring Showcase. Discussion was held that the cultural arts program next year may consist of a Kaleidoscope performance. Mr. Fladeland and Mrs. Fischer will do all of the organizing of the event and PTO will plan to have the bake sale funds set aside for this again next year.
- **Variety Show** – The Variety Show was another success presented to a full house. The PTO ordered six platters of cookies for the evening. Art Archuleta recorded the event and order forms went out to all of the families for the 2010 Christmas Concert/2011 Variety Show DVD's. Thank you to Art Archuleta for volunteering to record these events and to Mrs. Fischer for volunteering to make the covers for the DVDs!

New Business:

- **Principal's Perspective** – Mr. Fladeland updated the board on the renovation plans and requested we remove PTO items from the locker room. Mr. Fladeland stated that a new kindergarten teacher would be announced after informing the staff and explained that enrollment looks very good for next year.

- **Bake Sale** – Duffy Meyer/Karen Fischer will chair the bake sale. The money from this bake sale will be used to supplement the Artist in Residence Grant and remaining money will be applied toward next year's event. The bake sale will be held after all of the masses on April 16 and 17 at St. Mary's Parish. A note was sent home to all parents requesting them to bake goodies for the sale.
- **Spring Showcase** – chaired by Steph and Greg Zenker. The Spring Showcase will take place on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. A meal will be served by the PTO. New families will have the opportunity to take tours of the school. There will be an art show featuring the works of our students created during with the Artist in Residence, Ali LaRock.
- **Spring Rummage Sale** – chaired by Diane and Kennen Huck. The spring rummage sale will take place on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8, 2011. Set-up will begin on Friday, May 6. Karen Fischer is going to place the ad with the Bismarck Tribune. The ad will also be on the school website and on BisMan Online. Donations can be dropped off anytime after Thursday, May 5.
- **Calendar for next year's activities/Family Involvement** – A tentative schedule was set for next year including activity meeting dates. Discussion followed and an amended calendar was approved. Duffy will contact Sheila Gilbertson to make sure there are no conflicts with the Wednesday night meetings and Mr. Fladeland will evaluate the calendar prior to final approval. Duffy prepared the family involvement sheets for next year and hopes to have them out to families by the Spring Showcase. The contact information for the event chairs will be listed on this unless a chair has not been found. The PTO is still looking for a chair for the fall dance, fall and spring bake sales, silent auction, and Barnes and Noble book fair. If you are interested in any of these positions, please feel free to contact Duffy Meyer at 751-1604.
- **Budget** – Duffy presented the prospective budget for the 2011-2012 school year. Discussion followed. Several expenses were increased due to the projected increase in enrollment and the additional kindergarten room. The football pool and Herberger's Community Days fundraisers were dropped. The PTO board offered to work with the 8th grade class to take over the football pool as a fundraiser for their class trip. Lynn Burgard made the motion to approve the budget as presented and Karen Fischer seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.
- **Elections** – Duffy brought the St. Mary's Grade School PTO Bylaws to the meeting. Kathy Glass' term as secretary and Karen Fischer's term as treasurer are up this spring. Both of these members are eligible to run for re-election if they choose. We are currently looking for anyone interested in running for these positions. Elections will be held at the Spring Showcase in conjunction with the school board elections. Duffy will send out an email regarding these positions and Mr. Fladeland will put something in the newsletter. Please contact Duffy Meyer with any questions about these positions.

Other Business:

- **Teacher Requests** – Mrs. Fischer made a request that the PTO fund four iPad touches and five iPads for use in classrooms throughout the school, with a total cost of approximately \$4000. These budget requests were tabled until the next meeting. Mrs. Fischer also spoke for Mr. Ulmen and requested a cabinet for storage in his classroom. It was approved for him to use the remainder of his classroom funds to cover a portion of the cost for the cabinet. Mrs. Fischer also spoke for Mrs. Schmaltz and requested funding for her to attend additional drum training. This request was denied.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Fischer presented the treasurer's report. Please see attached budget report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm by Duffy Meyer.

Upcoming PTO Meetings:

Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Library *daycare provided