

Parents Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4th, 2009

Welcome, Opening Prayer & Pledge

Amy Bonta

Thank you all for coming tonight, Peggy is traveling this week.

Principal Update

Dr. Kay Bennett

1st item: A dorm-sized refrigerator is needed for the ELC class. The full size refrigerator is blocking the rescue window and will need to be replaced. A number of people have generously offered refrigerators, but none have been the right size.

This week, the school has received 2 checks totaling \$1100. They are from the Catholic Holy Family Society, formerly CKL of I. A check for \$550, from the District Council and a matching \$550 from local council #21 were received and will be applied to the tech fund.

Appointments for parent/teacher conferences went home today. Every effort was made to schedule consecutively for families meeting with more than one teacher. Please check with the office if there are any conflicts.

Tomorrow will be a big day. Pluggy and the Fire Dept. will have an assembly in the morning and author Jeff Kinney will also be visiting the school. Mr. Kinney is coming as part of a grand prize for the Do-It-Yourself Comic contest, won by 8th grader Thomas Fields. A book signing will also be part of the visit. Parents are welcome to come to take pictures. KMOX also mentioned Cathedral, Thomas and the visit during a phone interview with Mr. Kinney. Local newspapers and several TV stations were contacted about the visit and we hope they will attend. Students attending the assembly are 3rd thru 8th grade.

Today we were visited by Ronald McDonald, who did an amazing workshop on bullying. The 3rd thru 6th graders attended this event at the McCormick Center.

On a serious note: First Friday is this Friday. Mrs. Barb Stock and Mrs. Mary Ann Harla have put together a wonderful program and we invite parents to come and experience this with your child's class.

Last week, training and exercises were held concerning our emergency plan. Money from the annual fund that we received is being put toward upgrading the fire alarm system. We are currently looking at bid for that project. We are also looking at sprucing up the cafeteria, possibly replacing the flooring.

We are also preparing for the State Evaluation in January. Teachers have been updating curriculum, parish board has been redoing by-laws and the office has been working on their strategic plan, as we need a new crisis plan. Sandra McNease is in charge of that and really has done a wonderful job.

Child Protection: Parents needing a refresher will be able to do so on line soon. Currently, there is only the refresher on bullying. The updated Child Protection refresher needs to be done each year, once you have completed the initial training. It should take approx. 1 hour online and you can then print out a certificate to send into the office. Sandra will send out the information when it becomes available.

Project Account Update

Jan Watson

All money raised throughout the year, including the auction, goes into a separate account at the end of the year and that is the project account. The board from that year then decides on the allocation of those funds by line item. Most of the lines items have remained the same from year to year. This year there were more specifics on one or two items and some items received no contributions as we had less money.

Annual Fund: \$500

Catholic Convention: 0

Classroom Start Up Costs for Teachers: \$3300

Technology: \$2000

*This is less than in the past. We try to put \$10,000 towards this. What we have is good for another 2 or 3 years, so although we are behind, we have some time to build up to the \$10,000.

Continuing Education for Teachers: \$1000

Field Day: 0

*This remained the same as last year

Field Trips: \$1500

Flute-a-phone for 3rd grade: \$200

Kitchen/Cafeteria Support: 0

*This is due to the new restructuring of cafeteria operations

School Board Donation: \$12,000

*This is one that was more specific. The total amount is for a religion teacher.

Library: \$1600

*This will go towards the AR upgrade

Playground-Equipment Indoor & Outdoor: 0

Playground-Maintenance: \$1500

*This is to maintain the mulch at the required 2 inches

United Streaming: \$1375

Scholarship Fund: \$1000

Scholastic Gift Certificates: \$500

*Specifically for the spring Buy One Get One promotion

School Counselor: \$10,000

Science Field trip for 6th grade: 0

Science Lab: \$1000

T-1 Line: \$1200

Teachers Christmas Gifts: \$1350

8th Grade Field Trip to Springfield: 0
Publicity: \$3000
Keys & Locks: \$500

Total Expenditures: \$43,525

Questions & suggestions:

What about class party money? In the past, that has come from working funds, a reimbursement from the Parents Club account.
Teachers needing playground items could make a wish list or post to the giving tree.

Treasurers Account Update

Nancy Schmidt

Opening balance: \$2680
Income received: \$60 from dues, \$267 from Market Day, \$73 from eScript and approx. \$500 from Trunk or Treat.
Expenses: \$500 for the SSND 150th Celebration, a \$50 donation to the Debby Vollmer fund and \$37 in misc.
Ending balance: \$3043

Auction 2010

Amy Bonta

A statement read by Amy Bonta, as directed by Peggy Schifferdecker:

The Parents Club board has decided on the auction date and venue. With Father Myler's blessing, it will be on March 13th at the McCormick Center." A lot of thought was put into this decision and many people/parents wanted it back on the school grounds. No, it's not the ideal space, it's a gym, but it's where our kids participate in P.E., where we watch our athletes play their games, where we gather after our last mass of the school year, where we host a trivia night for an beloved teacher, where students gather for an assembly, where we listen to our Christmas and spring concerts. There is a thread that connects all of these events...US! the students, parents, teachers and clergy. The McCormick Center, with all its flaws, belongs to all of us.

Regarding the date, Feb was too soon and April 24th, the only available date, was too late in the year with more focus on confirmation, first communion, graduation and only four weeks of school left.

Please keep in mind the board had to make a decision to get moving on a date and place. Peggy has asked at each meeting since Sept for volunteers and a chair and we have had 2-3 from last year that said they would do the solicitations and baskets. And we thank them greatly for doing this. But we needed others to step forward, we did not get any NEW volunteers and still do not have a chair therefore had to make a

decision. "We are still looking for auction committee members to help us with this fabulous event. Please let us know how you would like to help."

Trunk or Treat Update & eScript

Julia Piper Jung

Thank you to all the families who turned out for the annual Trunk or Treat! Although attendance was down from previous years, we still had 300 parents and kids. After expenses, we were still able to maintain approx. the same profit margin from the event. This helps to offset the cost of other events enabling Parents Club to offer things like the All-School Dance and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at little or no cost to parents.

eScript cards have come home with kids and I hope those of you that are Schnucks shoppers are registering them and using them. We recently received a check from eScript that is due to regular users.

Upcoming Family Fun Events

Julia Piper Jung

Saturday, December 12th will be the reading event at Barnes & Noble in Fairview. Last years event was very well attended and successful. Cathedral families purchased a little over \$1000 in books and in the café. Parents club received just over \$100 in return. This year's event will be bigger and better. In addition to the ELC thru 2nd grade teachers coming out for story hour, there will also be an art contest. Barnes & Noble will display all of the entries in their café. Mrs. Casson's book club will also be meeting in the café. 8th graders will be on hand to gift wrap. All donations will go towards their trip. Barnes & Noble will also be creating a special Crusader Frappachino for us.

Athletic Committee

Nancy Harmon

The Athletic Committee chaired the annual Summerfest and received \$7000 for their hard work. This money helps fund the upkeep of the sports program, things like paying for ref's, maintaining equipment and uniforms, and of course, the current project of replacing the bleachers. We are currently holding a raffle for a 40" Sony flat screen TV. The cost is 1 chance for \$5 and 5 for \$20. The winner will be announced at the last game of the Holiday Tournament on Saturday, December 12th.

Cathedral is hosting 3 tournaments this year, including the Girls 6th and 8th grade Diocesan Volleyball held December 3rd-5th. Also the Boys 8th grade Basketball Holiday Tournament held December 10th-12th and the Boys 5th grade Volleyball held March 19th and 20th. Advertising can be purchased in the programs. The prices are \$40 for a ¼ page. \$60 for a ½ page and \$80 for full page. Covers are \$140 and include the front cover, inside front, inside back page and back page cover. The advertising prices buy coverage in all 3 tournament programs.

Cathedral wear should be coming home next week. And the Chicken & Beer Dance is tentatively scheduled for the end of January or early February.

Campbell's Soup Labels

Barb Stock

Last year, we collected 24,000 points. Megan DeGroot looked thru the catalog offered and ordered 24,000 points worth of equipment for PE and outside playground use. There is contest currently running, which ends December 1st. The class that collects the most UPC's will win and ice cream treat.

Breakfast with Santa

Steve Harter

Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 12th, from 8:00 to 10:00AM, in the undercroft. The cost is \$10 per child; adults are free and will include a pancake and sausage breakfast, games, face painting and a picture with Santa. Please email Kerrie with any donations or to volunteer.

Mrs. Claus

Kim Luecking

Mrs. Claus is an annual event where kids can purchase gift items their families. It will be held on December 14th. The proceeds from the event are used to offset the cost of the movie on the last day of school prior to Christmas break. We are still in need of donations to make this event successful.

Volunteer Hours

Amy Toenjes

Amy is out of town, but did prepare an updated copy of the volunteer hours, which was distributed for parents who may have volunteer hours not yet recorded.

Candy Drive Update

Sue Pederson

Delivery is complete. Approx. \$19,000 was sold, from which the school received \$8,000 in profit.

Market Day**Amy Gould**

Amy was not able to be present. This month is pie month. All pies purchased this month earn extra profit. In years past, we have received as much as \$1000 in profit for the month. Our parish is responsible for donating pies to the St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving Dinner. Please consider purchasing a pie and donating it for the dinner. You can order online at www.marketday.com and the last day to order is Monday, November 9th for pick up on Saturday, November 14th from 8:00 to 9:00AM.

Book Fair**Dr. Kay Bennett**

The book fair will begin on Sunday, November 15th and run through the 19th. It will be in the cafeteria and will be open 8:30AM to 12-ish on Sunday. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the kids will be able to come with their class and also during lunch. The book fair will also be open until 4:00PM on a couple of those days. Please look for a flyer to come home soon. It will also be open on Tuesday the 17th, from 6:30 to 7:30PM during Tech Night for the ELC thru 4th grades. Contact Lisa Ortiz to volunteer.

Attendance & 50/50

We had 41 parents and 2 others in attendance, representing 72 students.
4 classes had over 50% and 3 were over 60%
8H won with 68.75%
The attendance winner is Kim Luecking
50/50 winner with ticket number 798407 is Cindy Siegel who won \$20.50

Closing Prayer**Julia Piper Jung**