

Parents Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010

Welcome, Opening Prayer & Pledge

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Thank you all for coming tonight! Peggy is traveling and not here. We have a light agenda, so we'll keep it short.

Principal Update

Dr. Kay Bennett

I apologize for the informal dress, today was Spirit Day and everyone wore their Cathedral Spirit wear. Today was also Get Up and Move. We played music throughout the day; kids were able to get up and dance. The teachers reported that when the song was over, kids got right back to work and we just had a wonderful time! We started Catholic Schools Week on Sunday with a wonderful Open House Event and I'd like to thank Nancy Harmon, Barb Eilerman, Kim Scott and Julia for all of their hard work getting ready for Open House. We had 6 new families come in to see us and we really hope they liked what they saw and come back.

The State Evaluation results were very positive. There are some improvements that need to be made, but it's little knicky-knack things, like documenting the drills. We have the drills, but it's the paperwork part that needs improving. Also, they'd like more documentation on our catechist. Overall, they were pleased with everything, including the basement. They felt it was clean, well kept and that we had a student friendly environment.

In other news, we've received our share of some of that stimulus money! We received about \$800 in Title 1 money which we have used to purchase some resource materials like the licensing of a program called Reading A to Z.

Today, we also had a luncheon to thank the Wednesday Work Crew for all of the painting. They didn't work just Wednesday's, but Monday's Tuesday's and Thursday's too getting ready for the Open House and painting as many of the doorways as they could. If you happen to see one of the crew, say "thanks". I hope everyone is pleased with the new color scheme. The cafeteria will get a make over, new designs and color, a new floor that will hopefully extend into the kitchen, also new furniture; tables and chairs, maybe stackable and possibly some round tables. If you have any thought about that, I'd like to hear them.

We are still working on some plans with the Y. Previously, we'd offered the 3rd grade a chance for some swim lessons. The class was evenly split and in the end we just couldn't make it work so we may be looking into it as a reward system.

We have a Tech Night scheduled for the upper grades, 5th thru 8th. It will be February 23rd, 6:30 to 7:30pm. If you have a 4th grader, I would also encourage you to come check out what's in store for next year.

I've seen the latest newsletter and it is just really great! This school puts out one of the best I've seen. Deb Lassman does an amazing job. There is just so much in there, all of the events, I don't think anything gets left out, all of the fun things we do here. It just looks like we do nothing else but have fun!!

We are going to be replacing the copiers in the office, 2 new color copiers. Linda and I have negotiated a new contract where we will be paying less than our current contract and we get to keep the copiers we have because we own them now. Most schools are leasing copiers because of the technology being outdated by the time they are paid for.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy Schmidt

Beginning balance \$4686, with income of \$2000 in auction ad's and \$488 from combined sources of Market Day, Papa John's and eScript. Also a \$45 profit from the dance, after the DJ was paid and \$103 from the December Barnes & Noble event. Expenses of \$70 and ending balance of \$7252.

Also want to include an Athletic Club update; the bleachers have been ordered. They will be done in March and installed in April. The Chicken & Beer Dance is March 27th, at the Elk's and tickets are \$20 per person.

Volunteer Hours

Amy Toenjes

Market Day

Wurstmarket February 28th

School Picnic

Please update your hours to get in on the end of year drawing. The hours were updated last month, so please check to make sure your hours were recorded.

Market Day order forms are going out this week. The cut-off for ordering is Monday, Feb. 13th. We are out of school that day, so order online at www.marketday.com by 11pm. Pick up is Saturday, Feb. 20th at 8am.

The auction is coming right along. The Cash Raffle tickets will be coming home Friday. We'd like each family to sell \$20 worth.

Wurstmarket has been moved up, to Sunday, Feb 28th and Parents Club needs volunteers for the serving line, seconds line and dishes. There is a sign up sheet coming around.

The school picnic is scheduled for May 19th. It will be the same as last year, at Althoff. I would really like a co-chair this year. We are responsible for the Taco Stand this year. Althoff students will be working the booth, but we are responsible for keeping it running smoothly and it is a bit more involved than the pizza booth we had last year. Tribout's will be providing the rides again and they are looking into some additional rides for the older kids. Like last year, there is no parade, a rally will be held in the gym and the kids will be bussed to Althoff, where you will meet them.

A suggestion was made that maybe the kids learn some cheers before the rally to encourage more participation.

Family Fun Events

Julia Piper Jung

Thanks to all who turned out for the dance! We had approx. 30 families in attendance and overall, the night was successful with all having a great time. The next event will be the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 28th at Mel Price Park. Once the park has been secured, more information will come home with the kids.

Attendance and 50/50

Jody Lauf

28 members and
3 others,
31 total, representing 60 students.
The winning class was 2S.
The winning \$50 attendance prize went to Laurie Lindauer.
50/50 (\$15.50) winner #606300 Sandra McNease.

Closing Prayer

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