

Parents Club Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7th, 2009

Call to Order & Welcome
Opening Prayer
Principal Update

Peggy Schiferdecker
Amy Bonta
Dr. Kay Bennett

Thank you all for the fabulous turn out at McTeacher Night! We received \$593. A reminder about Halloween parties; it's a snack (cookie/cupcakes) and drink only. Unless a teacher has asked for a parents help, they would prefer no parents.

Lunch is going along very well and the seconds option is available. Again, it is an additional \$2 for an entrée and a milk.

Recently, a parent brought up a safety concern about using last name's of students on the website. This was discussed at the faculty meeting.

Monica Atkins suggested that the signed release for use of a photograph could also cover this. Jody Lauf suggested that possibly it could be re-written to opt out.

Next Friday, an assembly will be held in the McCormick Center for astronaut, Sandy Magnus. All parochial schools have been invited and several will be coming. We are expecting 400 to 500 students.

On Nov. 5th, we will host author Jeff Kinney at another assembly. He is the author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. 8th grader Thomas Fields was the grand-prize winner of a contest sponsored by Mr. Kinney and is coming to the school as part of the contest.

We will be going back to Grandparents Day, previously know as Special Person's Day. As part of the day, we will be cooking breakfast for our guests as well as showing off some tech items. They will be invited to a 10AM mass. The event will be 8 to 11AM roughly. Invitations will go home soon for a grandparent or special person.

Parent conferences will be Nov.12th, please send in your appointment page with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices ASAP.

Next Tuesday will be a special meeting with the band director for 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and parents.

Technology

Linda Van Loo

An ebeam and respond demo was given with actual test questions from KM, 1K, 2S and 3N. The respond's tell how many students participate, give the correct answer and the % of correct responses. They are \$1200-1300 per set. Aside from Cathedral, only Althoff and Queen of Peace have a few of these.

We're looking to have a Tech Night on Nov. 17th, from 6:30 to 7:30PM for ELC to 4th grade parents. Bring your kids so they can show you what they've been learning, you'll be amazed at what they can do!

Treasurer's Account Update

Nancy Schmidt

Income: \$2300
Dues: \$490
Market Day: \$417
eScript: \$87
Papa John's: \$62
Expenses: \$567 for bon fire, parent social and teacher's gifts
Balance: \$2792

Auction 2010

Peggy Schifferdecker

We have a few logistics to work out, can not be during Lent. Open dates are Feb.13th and April. We are open to comments. We have a lot of people in place, sandy Dahm-Schell has agreed to do solicitations and Jill Bastian for baskets. Karen Reyes will not be able to do sign-up parties. Connie Reitano will do reservations. The goal is 100% parent participation. We were down about \$4000, with about 35% parent participation. One of the things that the SLU auction does is a sports memorabilia section, which is very popular and one of the hottest items going right now. As soon as we have info, we will get it on the website.

Sandy Dahm-Schell feels that we really need 6 months for solicitations and prefers the April date. She will also need some help. Jill Bastian also prefers the April date, as Feb. is the middle of tax season. If it were to move to Feb. she will not be able to chair baskets. Some other suggestions were lowering the ticket price and that maybe the cost is prohibitive. The option of moveing it back to the gym might make the expense of putting on the auction more cost effective.

We are faced with a decreasing enrollment and tough economic situation where the auction is concerned.

Trunk or Treat

Julia Piper Jung

First, a big thank you to all who came out for the bon fire! We had a great turn out, with over 200 people. The weather was just right and everyone had great time. Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 24th, flyers will be coming home shortly. There is an increase in cost this year. It has been \$13 for the last 6 years and will be increasing \$2 to \$15 per family. This is still a great bargain and a great family event. It includes hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks for the price. The chili will be the same as last year, which was purchased and is very cost effective. In past years, the chili has been made, but that is no longer an option. Trunk or Treat is not intended as a fundraiser, although we do see some profit form the event. Parking begins at 4PM and dinner will start after mass. Kids can wear their costumes to church. Parents, please use good judgment on this.

eScript cards: Schnucks eScript cards have come home with your kids. These have been automatically assigned to our school, but they still need to be activated using the 800# on the card. This is an easy way to earn profit for Parents Club by just shopping at Schnucks. If you did not get one or you need more for family or friends, please contact me.

Campbell's Label/Point Program

Barb Stock

Barb was not able to be present, Peggy delivered info on the label program. Approximately 24,000 points were accumulated last year by collecting the UPC's from Campbell's. A catalog containing all items available by redeeming points was given to Megan DeGroot and the 24,000 points were redeemed for misc. playground and PE equipment.

Mrs. Claus

Kim Luecking

Mrs. Claus is a fun way for kids to shop for Christmas presents for their family. This year we will have only one sale date, Dec. 14th. We are asking for *finished projects and items*. We have projects going now and can not take on anything that is not already completed. Please check for updates on the website. We do need donations. If you're looking for ideas, please check www.familyfun.com.

Monica Atkins will donate 50 handkerchiefs for embroidering.
The funds from Mrs. Claus help off set the cost of the movie. We are sending out a sign-up for workers.

Volunteer Hours

Amy Toenjes

Please record any recent hours worked.

Room Parent Update

Amy Bonta

All positions have been filled

Candy Drive Update

Megan Bertelsman/Sue Pederson

Sue Pederson: Delivery is Thursday the 8th, although candy bars were expected today, but not delivered. Will need extra help as both will be delivered. We have no delivery time, will have an on call list.

Market Day

Amy Gould

Order forms will be going out this week. Deadline to order is Monday, October 12th and pick up is Saturday the 17th, from 8 to 9am.

Misc.

Peggy Schifferdecker

Thomas Luge is collecting travel size items for the Saturday Morning Breakfast Dave Read's mother Marilyn passed recently and a card was sent on behalf of Parents Club. Please keep Dave and Denise in your prayers.

Tess Minor: Order forms for Spirit Wear are coming home soon.

Breakfast with Santa will be on December 12th, from 8 to 10AM.

Attendance & 50/50

27 parents and 3 others were in attendance, representing 42 students
8H had the highest attendance
and Kim Luecking won (for the first time in 10 years) with #21
50/50 brought in \$26 and the winner of \$13 is Karen Reyes, with the last 3 numbers of 315

Thank you to Adele, for providing all the drinks and to the 6th grade for appetizers and desserts tonite.